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Boys stand on debris from damaged houses in Tacloban city, Leyte province, central Philippines on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

AP

By JIM GOMEZ
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TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP)—As many as 10,000 people are believed dead in one Philippine city alone after one of the worst storms ever recorded unleashed ferocious winds and giant waves that washed away homes and schools. Corpses hung from tree branches and were scattered along sidewalks and among flattened buildings, while looters raided grocery stores and gas stations in search of food, fuel and water.

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Absence of info on families agonizing for those in NMI

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Visayas-born residents of Saipan closely monitored cable TV news, the Internet, and social media for updates on their families in the wake of the devastation brought by Supertyphoon Yolanda (international name Haiyan) but the lack of information has only compounded their fears and worries.

The supertyphoon knocked out all communication systems in the region and, except for satellite phones brought by rescue and media groups, there is currently no telephones, cell phone ac-

cess, or Internet in the region.

Ulysses Sabuco, Taro Leaf Inc. media relations specialist and former *Marianas Variety* reporter, said the hardest part of the tragedy is not knowing what happened to his loved ones.

"The waiting has been endless on my and my siblings' part. This is the longest three days for me and my family, being isolated from each other. I am just hoping for the best. I am just sincerely humbled by everyone's prayers and support."

Saipan Tribune editor Jayvee Vallejera, who is from Palo, Leyte, and a

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House panel opposes status for long-term alien workers

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REPORTER

During an almost six-hour meeting on Friday morning to afternoon, all seven members of the CNMI House Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations agreed to support Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro's (R-Saipan) resolution asking U.S. Congress not to act on national immigration reform bills' provision giving legal, long-term foreign workers in the CNMI a

chance to apply for improved immigration status such as "green card" even as the same bills seek to provide pathway to citizenship for some 11 million un-

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documented aliens in the United States.

The committee, chaired by Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), is recommending the full

House membership to adopt Ogumoro's House Resolution 18-34.

The next House session would be held on Rota on Friday morning.

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IF OTHER FUNDS ARE FOUND FOR PIPELINE PROJECT

CUC promises to withdraw emergency rate hike petition

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REPORTER

Faced with mounting criticisms for its emergency request to raise power rates, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. promised yesterday that it would withdraw its rate hike petition if it finds other funds for the construction of its fuel pipeline in Lower Base.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher gave this promise yesterday even as he emphasized anew the importance of complying with the federal court orders that, for one, requires

the pipeline project to be completed within a specific deadline.

"The utility is caught between a rock and a hard place as it looks to raise money to meet the recent federal orders. CUC has very few options to fund critical stipulated order projects and this results in very difficult decisions that have to be made," said Fletcher.

CUC filed an emergency rate hike petition with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to cover for the \$1.84 million it need to build the pipeline, a required project

under the federal order.

But this early, some lawmakers have threatened to block this proposal. Some lawmakers say that CUC should not be allowed to raise additional money to comply with the federal order because it never closed the earlier USDA-backed loan being arranged with Independence Bank and backed by the USDA itself.

Fletcher explained that there are three main points that the customers should know about this loan proposal.

First, he said the failure of the loan to close was due to circum-

stances beyond CUC's control. The loan was first authorized by the Legislature in Public Law 17-62.

For one thing, according to Fletcher, CUC never received certification for the loan proposal from former attorney general Edward Buckingham.

"The point of the loan was to fund projects required by the stipulated orders and other capital needs. It was always CUC's intent to complete the loan; not having the loan close was unexpected. CUC was unable to close the loan when a certification from the former attorney

general was never received. While CUC was not given an explanation at the time, we later learned that the collateral needed for the bank loan was pledged to the SDLLC power plant contract," Fletcher disclosed.

Secondly, during this time frame, CUC's financial condition was changing due to government debt, according to Fletcher. He pointed out that repaying a loan requires that CUC be paid, so that it can service its loan and make payments every month.

"As expressed at that time, if government debt to CUC persisted and CUC's financial position continued to erode, we would not have funds for repaying the loan," he said.

The third point is that the rates needed to service the loan debt were granted by the CPUC, but they were part of a larger "general revenue" requirement. In fact, he said, CUC requested rate relief of about \$8.7 million in 2011 for operations, maintenance, and capital projects, but got \$3.396 million only—a 60-percent reduction compared to the rate request.

"The questioned rate monies granted by CPUC were not restricted only to loan payments and could be used to meet operational, maintenance, and other capital needs. This makes sense: if CUC needed \$10 million from a loan, then it surely needed \$1 million of that amount if it could not get the whole \$10 million. CUC is under federal court-ordered stipulated orders to perform required projects,

which cost millions of dollars. CUC needs each dollar in its rates so that it can comply with the court, and also so that it can maintain its transmission lines, provide service, and keep its engines running for its customers," said Fletcher.

According to Fletcher, CUC understands the burden that the emergency rate surcharge will have on customers.

"Rates are high, and we at CUC are also ratepayers. But the reality is this money must be raised. Unfortunately, if all of CUC operates as a non-profit public corporation and not as a government-sponsored entity. It relies only on CPUC-approved rates, fees, and charges for operations and receives no CNMI general fund appropriations. Instead, Fletcher said, appropriations must be made to government agency customers so they can pay their bills. Without adequate rates to fund operations, maintenance, and capital needs, the stability of power, water, and wastewater systems is weakened, according to Fletcher.

He promised that once the agency finds other monies to fund the pipeline project, the emergency rate petition will be rescinded.

"CUC is committed to finding other sources of money to meet these obligations and we continue to pursue other loan opportunities, grants, and government payments. If other monies can be found to pay for the projects required by the federal court orders, CUC would be able to withdraw the emergency rate filing," assured Fletcher.



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November 11th has long been a day of reflection on the sacrifices of our Armed Forces. We retain the purpose of Veterans Day by expressing gratitude to our men and women who selflessly served our Nation.

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As we remember those who have gone before us, so too will you be remembered by generations yet unborn.

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Tebuteb pushes satisfying judgments against gov't without appropriations

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Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) has introduced a bill that would allow the government to satisfy judgments without an appropriation; in short, they should be paid from "any available funds with or without appropriation" from the Legislature.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas told lawmakers early this year that the government's outstanding and unpaid

judgments and settlements is now at more than \$27 million, excluding accruing interests.

Tebuteb's House Bill 18-143 also allows judgments against the government to be enforced as any other judgment.

"The purpose of this bill is to make the government responsible for its obligations," Tebuteb said in his bill.

The government has been restricted from making settlement of claims and payment of judgments because a legislative ap-

propriation is necessary for such payment.

Although the law allows the governor to waive the requirement of a legislative appropriation, the governor "does not appear to be willing to make such a waiver," Tebuteb said.

"Judgments sit for years without the governor making a waiver or requesting an appropriation. Since the government is shielded from the judicial enforcement of judgments, the government has become

irresponsible and neglectful in addressing its obligations," Tebuteb added.

Based on the OAG's data provided to the Legislature, the more than \$27 million in government's

outstanding and unpaid judgments and settlements go as far back as November 2004.

Under CNMI law, any final judgment of a court can only be paid if the Legislature appropri-

ates a budget for it.

There are 17 sets of judgment creditors or claimants on the OAG's list. Each is owed by the government anywhere from \$20,000 to \$11.43 million.

SHEFA has 524 scholars this semester

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Over 500 students now avail of financial assistance from the Saipan Higher Educational Financial Assistance program for their postsecondary education.

SHEFA administrator Merissa Seman-Rasa disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* Friday that a total of 524 college students are being provided financial aid this semester, both from off-island and scholars enrolled at the Northern Marianas College.

The SHEFA program is administered by the Saipan Mayor's Office. It aims to help SHEFA recipients pursue an education at U.S. accredited institutions of higher learning or technical institutes at home or abroad.

Using poker fees for its scholarship programs, SHEFA has three programs: grant-in-aid, field-of-study, and incentive program.

Seman-Rasa disclosed that the grant-in-aid program has a total of 524 recipients this semester, enrolled here and universities abroad. An estimated \$516,800 will be disbursed to all these recipients this semester.

In the field-of-study program, Seman-Rasa bared that there are 166 eligible students, mostly junior level or higher.

In the incentive program, SHEFA expects to provide a total of \$179,000 to 146 recipients. These are students who maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average in college.

Seman-Rasa said the total

amount to be disbursed for all three scholarship programs is \$861,800 this semester.

SHEFA is allocated \$3 million every year; the money comes from revenues generated from poker fees and licenses.

Meantime, Seman-Rasa reminded applicants that the deadline for submission of application for the spring 2014 semester is on Dec. 1 while supporting documents are due on Feb. 28, 2014. Late applications will not be accepted. Students who submitted application for the fall 2013 semester are not required to resubmit another application.

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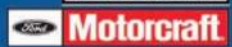

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DEATH

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Officials projected the death toll could climb even higher when emergency crews reach areas cut off by flooding and landslides. Even in the disaster-prone Philippines, which regularly contends with earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical cyclones, Typhoon Haiyan appears to be the deadliest natural disaster on record.

Haiyan hit the eastern seaboard of the Philippine archipelago on Friday and quickly barreled across its central islands before exiting into the South China Sea, packing winds of 235 kilometers per hour (147 miles per hour) that gusted to 275 kph (170 mph), and a storm surge that caused sea waters to rise 6 meters (20 feet).

It wasn't until Sunday that the scale of the devastation became clear, with local officials on hardest-hit Leyte Island saying that there may be 10,000 dead in the provincial capital of Tacloban alone. Reports also trickled in from elsewhere on the island, and from neighboring islands, indicating hundreds, if not thousands more deaths, though it will be days before the full extent of the storm's impact can be assessed.

"On the way to the airport we saw many bodies along the street," said Philippine-born Australian Mila Ward, 53, who was waiting at the Tacloban airport to catch a military flight back to Manila. "They were covered with just anything—tarpaulin, roofing sheets, cardboard." She said she passed "well over 100" dead bodies

along the way.

In the storm's aftermath, people wept while retrieving the bodies of loved ones from inside buildings. On a street littered with fallen trees, roofing material and other wreckage, all that was left of one large building were the skeletal remains of its rafters.

The airport in Tacloban, about 580 kilometers (360 miles) southeast of Manila, was a muddy wasteland of debris, with crumpled tin roofs and overturned cars. The airport tower's glass windows were shattered, and air force helicopters were flying in and out as relief operations got underway. Residential homes lining the road into Tacloban city were all blown or washed away.

"All systems, all vestiges of modern living—communications, power, water—all are down," Interior Secretary Mar Roxas said after visiting Tacloban on Saturday. "There is no way to communicate with the people."

Haiyan raced across the eastern and central Philippines, inflicting serious damage to at least six of the archipelago's more than 7,000 islands, with Leyte, neighboring Samar Island, and the northern part of Cebu appearing to take the hardest hit. It weakened as it crossed the South China Sea before approaching northern Vietnam. It was forecast to hit land Monday morning.

On Leyte, regional police chief Elmer Soria said the provincial governor had told him there were about 10,000 deaths there, primarily from drowning and collapsed buildings. Most of the deaths were in Tacloban, a city of about 200,000 that is the biggest on Leyte Island. A

mass burial was planned for Sunday in a nearby town.

On Samar, Leo Dacaynos of the provincial disaster office said 300 people were confirmed dead in one town and another 2,000 were missing, while some towns have yet to be reached by rescuers. He pleaded for food and water and said power was out and there was no cellphone signal, making communication possible only by radio.

Reports from the other affected islands indicated dozens, perhaps hundreds more deaths.

The massive casualties occurred even though the government had evacuated nearly 800,000 people ahead of the typhoon. About 4 million people were affected by the storm, the national disaster agency said.

President Benigno Aquino III flew around Leyte by helicopter on Sunday and landed in Tacloban to get a firsthand look at the disaster. He said the government's priority was to restore power and communications in isolated areas and deliver relief and medical assistance to victims.

Challenged to respond to a disaster of such magnitude, the Philippine government also accepted help from its U.S. and European allies.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel directed the military's Pacific Command to deploy ships and aircraft to support search-and-rescue operations and airlift emergency supplies, while European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso sent Aquino a message saying "we stand ready to contribute with urgent relief and assistance if so required in this hour of need."

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon offered his condolences and said U.N. humanitarian agencies were working closely with the Philippine government to respond quickly with emergency assistance, according to a statement.

The Philippines is annually buffeted by tropical storms and typhoons, which are called hurricanes and cyclones elsewhere on the planet. The nation is positioned alongside the warm South Pacific where typhoons are spawned. Many rake the islands with fierce winds and powerful waves each year, and the archipelago's exposed eastern seaboard often bears the brunt.

Even by the standards of the Philippines, however, Haiyan is a catastrophe of epic proportions and has shocked the impoverished and densely populated nation of 96 million people. Its winds were among the strongest ever recorded, and it appears to have killed many more people than the previous deadliest Philippine storm, Thelma, which killed around 5,100 people in the central Philippines in 1991. The deadliest disaster on record was the 1976 magnitude-7.9 earthquake that triggered a tsunami in the Moro Gulf in the southern Philippines, killing 5,791.

Haiyan's winds were so strong that Tacloban residents who sought shelter at a local school tied down the building's roof, but it was ripped off anyway and the school collapsed, City Administrator Tecson Lim said. It wasn't clear how many died there.

The city's two largest malls and groceries were looted and the gasoline stations destroyed

by the typhoon. Police were deployed to guard a fuel depot to prevent the theft of fuel. Two hundred additional police officers came to Tacloban on Sunday from elsewhere in the country to help restore law and order.

Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said Aquino was "speechless" when he told him of the devastation the typhoon had wrought in Tacloban.

"I told him all systems are down," Gazmin said. "There is no power, no water, nothing. People are desperate. They're looting."

Tacloban, in the east-central Philippines, is near the Red Beach on Leyte Island where U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur waded ashore in 1944 during the Second World War and fulfilled his famous pledge: "I shall return."

It was the first city liberated from the Japanese by U.S. and Filipino forces and served as the Philippines' temporary capital for several months. It is also the hometown of former Filipino first lady Imelda Marcos, whose nephew, Alfred Romualdez, is the city's mayor.

One Tacloban resident said he and others took refuge inside a parked Jeep to protect themselves from the storm, but the vehicle was swept away by a surging wall of water.

"The water was as high as a coconut tree," said 44-year-old Sandy Torotoro, a bicycle taxi driver who lives near the airport with his wife and 8-year-old daughter. "I got out of the Jeep and I was swept away by the rampaging water with logs, trees and our house, which was ripped off from its mooring."

"When we were being swept by the water, many people were

floating and raising their hands and yelling for help. But what can we do? We also needed to be helped," Torotoro said.

In Torotoro's village, bodies could be seen lying along the muddy main road, as residents who had lost their homes huddled with the few possessions they had managed to save. The road was lined with trees that had fallen to the ground.

Vice Mayor Jim Pe of Coron town on Busuanga, the last island battered by the typhoon before it blew away to the South China Sea, said most of the houses and buildings there had been destroyed or damaged. Five people drowned in the storm surge and three others were missing, he said by phone.

The sound of the wind "was like a 747 flying just above my roof," he said. His family and some of his neighbors whose houses were destroyed took shelter in his basement.

Tim Ticar, a local tourism officer, said 6,000 foreign and local tourists were stranded on the popular resort island of Boracay, one of the tourist spots in the typhoon's path.

UNICEF estimated that about 1.7 million children are living in areas impacted by the typhoon, according to the agency's representative in the Philippines Tomoo Hozumi. UNICEF's supply division in Copenhagen was loading 60 metric tons of relief supplies for an emergency airlift expected to arrive in the Philippines on Tuesday.

"The devastation is ... I don't have the words for it," Interior Secretary Roxas said. "It's really horrific. It's a great human tragedy."

ABSENCE

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stone's throw away from where Gen. Douglas MacArthur waded ashore to fulfill his "I shall return" promise at the end of World War II, said the last few days have been equal parts frustration and agony.

"I haven't been able to contact my family members in Palo and Tacloban. The last time I had any contact with my sister was when she gave a Facebook update around 4am on Friday. Since then, nothing," he said.

Mirasol Dayao, finance manager for *Saipan Tribune*, said she still can't get over the "unimaginable destruction" Yolanda's wrath brought to her hometown while watching CNN and other news outlets.

She, however, got a bit of good news after a friend tagged a Rappler video to her Facebook account showing one of her uncles riding a motorcycle from the Tacloban airport.

Dayao said another aunt seems to be all right because a friend told her that their store near downtown Tacloban is now distributing food items and other essentials to church mates, relatives, and friends in dire need of supplies.

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Center nurse and author Rizza Ramos shared Dayao's concern after watching the news on TV and shared her concern for loved ones and friends back home.

"It's horrifying just watching the news, so what more if you experience it yourself. The Philippines always experience these kinds of calamities but this time it's the strongest supertyphoon. For sure there will be a lot of damage but we are hoping and praying not much casualties. Properties and other things can be recovered sooner or later but once life is gone, then that's it, there's nothing we can do. Let's all pray for our country and once again extend all the help that we can give to them."

Ramos hails from the town of Cabucgayan, a three-hour and 35-minute bus ride to Tacloban City.

Vallejera said the hard part is the lack of information about what has happened to his family.

"The sporadic updates about what's happening on the ground have been extremely frustrating. I don't want to blame anyone because the extent of the disaster goes beyond any known indices. However, it would greatly help all of us who are trying to get word about our loved

ones to have a single place to go to find news about our families. What we've been doing is trolling the Internet for bits and pieces of news and this has only added to the paralyzing fear we have about what has happened to our families," he said.

Sabuco said the Philippine government could've done a better job of informing people about the storm surge, which is being blamed for the massive loss of life, with some reports saying that casualties could run as high as 10,000 just for the province of Leyte alone.

"The government has had enough time to prepare the residents, including shelter/relocating everyone in a safe place. There are processes/system put in place as to what to do in case of disasters and emergencies—including Supertyphoon Yolanda. We were all warned," said Sabuco. "It was the ferocious water surge coupled by the strength of the wind and massive rain that were not expected. I think the government is working earnestly in providing immediate assistance and aid. They just did not expect of the overwhelming toll it has brought on to the city and its residents."

United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza said the umbrella organization of

Filipino groups on Saipan will be once again initiating a fund drive to help victims of the typhoon in Leyte and neighboring provinces.

This comes on the heels of UFO raising more than \$5,000 for relief efforts for the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that hit Bohol and Cebu provinces in the Philippines only on Oct. 15.

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, meanwhile, said those interested in helping victims of Supertyphoon Yolanda can send their monetary donations to National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and Philippine Red Cross.

Consul Edgar Thomas Q. Auxillian said monetary donations are the most flexible and would be appreciated.

"I want to thank Filipinos in the Marianas for helping after the earthquake and now for the help they will again be extending after this latest super typhoon. We encourage monetary donation because it's the easiest."

Auxillian also confirmed that the Filipino community in Guam as well as Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo have approached the Consulate General and offered their assistance.

HOUSE

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Conner, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after the lengthy committee meeting on Friday, said there was extensive deliberation on the fact that the U.S. is "unilaterally imposing something on the CNMI."

He said the committee would like Covenant 902 negotiations to happen, for example, between the CNMI and the United States before any legislation providing pathway to citizenship for aliens in the CNMI.

"The committee has thoroughly reviewed the resolution, and there's a general consensus among the members that they are in support of the resolution. All their concerns were addressed... in the hopes that House members as a body will also accept the resolution for adoption," Conner told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said it's not that the committee members do not want alien workers to remain in the CNMI, but the members want the CNMI to be consulted first before any national legislation affecting the CNMI could be acted on.

When asked what the committee members would want to consult with the U.S. for example, Conner said there is already a process in place to allow aliens

to apply for permanent residency such as waiting for their U.S. citizen children to turn 21 so they can be petitioned.

Moreover, Conner said it is confusing that U.S. Public Law 110-229 provides a phase out of the alien worker population by Dec. 31, 2014, "and then they turned around and put in S. 744 a provision granting status to them. So what do they want?"

But the CNMI-specific provision does not have an automatic grant of status as some CNMI lawmakers claim. Instead, S. 744 and H.R. 15 only allow affected aliens to "apply" for improved status.

Besides Conner, the other committee members that voted to support Ogumoro's HR 18-34 are Reps. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) and Ogumoro.

The resolution requests the U.S. House of Representatives to "hold indefinitely" any action on Section 2109 of S. 744 and similar legislation "which will allow thousands of alien workers, their families and persons of other ethnic origin or race who are in the [CNMI] to become U.S. permanent residents and subsequently become U.S. citizens."

China to lend \$1 billion to Pacific island nations

» Measures to aid social and economic development as well as infrastructure

By XU JINGXI and ZHAO YANRONG
CHINA DAILY

Vice-Premier Wang Yang announced Friday a series of measures to support the economic and social development of Pacific island countries, including an infrastructure loan of \$1 billion.

Wang made his announcement at the second China-Pacific Island Countries Economic Development and Cooperation Forum in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong province. China's support will go toward Pacific island countries that have diplomatic relations with the nation.

Besides the loan to be issued by China Development Bank

especially for infrastructure construction, China will issue a concessional loan of \$1 billion to support the construction of major projects.

China will also offer 2,000 scholarships over the next four years to train local technicians. Another measure will help build medical care facilities and send Chinese medical teams to these countries.

China will also increase trade in the agricultural and forestry sectors and will continue to run model farms in local communities to help them learn about Chinese farming methods. Lastly, green energy facilities of hydropower, solar energy and biogas will be provided.

"Developing a good part-



Wang

nership with the Pacific island countries is a long-term strategy in China's diplomatic work. We are willing to work with all Pacific island countries to establish a good example in South-South cooperation," Wang said.

He said challenges such

as climate change are major concerns for Pacific islands, adding that China understands the special situation that these countries face. "China wants to cooperate with these countries to improve how environmental problems are tackled," he said.

As many as 150 Chinese companies have invested in Pacific islands, with about \$1 billion in non-financial direct investments. Chinese projects in countries with diplomatic relations with the nation have reached \$5.12 billion. By September, 3,600 government officials and technicians from certain island countries have received training in China, said Wang Chao, assistant minister

of commerce.

Tuiloma Neroni Slade, secretary-general of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, said China has always been one of the most important partners for the Pacific islands.

"Since becoming the partner country of the forum two decades ago, China has provided a lot of support to the Pacific islands in education, information technologies, infrastructure and transportation," said Slade, as quoted by the Nanfang Daily.

"It's also important to establish cooperation between China and Pacific island countries in forestry, fishery, trade, tourism and new energy technologies."

Lord Tu'ivakano, prime minister of Tonga, praised China's support in training Tonga's navy fleet.

"With China's support, more families in Tonga have begun using biogas. We use more new energy to achieve sustainable development in agriculture," he said.

Henry Puna, prime minister of the Cook Islands, said the country's relations with China are based on mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit.

China, the Cook Islands, and New Zealand jointly signed an agreement to create a water supply system for the Rarotonga, the most populous island of the Cook Islands. It will be the country's largest infrastructure project.

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Hostage standoff suspect is arrested anew

Herman C. Tudela Jr., a 40-year-old former archaeologist who faces charges for staging a seven-hour standoff with authorities in July, was arrested again last week, this time for allegedly violating a temporary restraining order.

Tudela was taken to Superior Court on Thursday for violating an order for protection. A \$5,000 cash bail was imposed.

Police detective Flora Danica B. Aguon stated in her report that Tudela's former common-law wife asked for police assistance on Wednesday, Nov. 6, after learning that the defendant did not bring their 10-year-old son to school for the past two days.

The ex-wife said she has allowed Tudela to take their children whenever he wanted to since their last appearance

in front of Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on an active temporary restraining order matter.

The former common-law wife stated that at the time they were trying to reconcile.

On Tuesday, she called the Department of Public Safety to report truancy because Tudela has not been taking their son to school.

While talking to a police officer on the phone, she saw Tudela's car parked in the parking lot of PHI Pharmacy in Dandan. When she checked the vehicle, she saw him lying in the car. When she asked him why he was not taking their son to school, he just pointed to the back of the vehicle. She, however, did not see their son in the back seat because the windows

are tinted.

On Wednesday, Tudela texted her using their son's cell phone, mentioning about taking hostage and that the "end is coming."

The former common-law wife said she became scared for her and her children's safety because he has allegedly been using narcotics.

The seven-hour standoff on July 25, 2013, ended when

members of the DPS elite Tactical Response Enforcement Team swooped inside the house and arrested Tudela and rescued his 10-year-old son.

Tudela allegedly refused to be served with an arrest warrant and instead barricaded himself in his house.

The arrest warrant stemmed from an incident earlier that day of July 24 when Tudela, allegedly in a fit of jealousy, threatened to kill a neighbor and her family. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

CNMI govt, DPS, Dubrall settle Wang's police brutality lawsuit

»CNMI govt agrees to make cash payments, shoulder medical expenses for 5 years

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The CNMI government, the Department of Public Safety, and police officer Jesse Dubrall have

settled a police brutality lawsuit filed by Jing Dong Wang, who was mistaken for another suspect during a botched raid at an As Lito house in 2010.

The parties reached a settle-

ment agreement after a settlement conference was held before U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson on Friday.

Attorney David G. Banes,

counsel for Wang, and assistant attorney general Charles Brasington, counsel for the CNMI government, DPS, and Dubrall, stated that the settlement entails a series of cash payments to

Wang and five years of medical treatment at the Commonwealth Health Center for injuries he sustained during the incident.

Without disclosing the amount in the settlement, Banes said the CNMI government will shoulder the cash payments.

Banes and Brasington said both parties agreed it was in the best interest of the Commonwealth to settle.

"It is positive to see the government is now willing to do the right thing and look out for justice, not just fight matters as in the past. That is a very positive development for the Common-

Guam governor: Staple used to remove handcuffs

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—An inmate who escaped this week used a staple to remove his handcuffs, Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo said.

Corrections officials say they're not certain Keith Garrido's handcuffs were fully locked when he allegedly jumped out of a van while stopped at a traffic light Monday as he was being driven to a court hearing.

The Department of Corrections failed the community, Calvo wrote in a column published in the Pacific Daily News. He also noted the lack of safety locks that would have prevented

wealth," Banes said.

On Friday, Banes and Brasington asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit following their settlement.

Wang filed the police brutality lawsuit over the injuries he suffered when police officers wrongfully seized him at his house in As Lito on Oct. 18, 2010, mistaking him for another drug suspect they were looking for. Dubrall allegedly used excessive force, beating Wang savagely and hitting his head with a gun's butt during the botched operation.

Wang was hospitalized for serious injuries on the head, abdomen, buttocks, and legs. A doctor stated that the plaintiff may have suffered brain injury.

opening the van from the inside.

DOC Director Jose San Agustin didn't immediately respond to an after-hours message at his office from The Associated Press Thursday.

The van was packed with detainees, so both corrections officers rode in front, instead of one riding in the backseat.

Garrido allegedly assaulted and robbed a woman in her home while on the loose for more than an hour. He was in the island's prison on murder charges in the December 2012 killing of Nancy Mafnas in her home.

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Ex-Customs trainee begins serving 43-day prison term

Daniel Sunio Buniag, a former trainee at the Division of Customs Services, on Friday started serving the remaining of his 43-day prison sentence for misusing a credit card owned by a private corporation.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo last week sentenced Buniag to one year in prison, all suspended except for 60 days, for misuse of a credit card.

Buniag, 24, was given credit for 17 days time-served. He began serving his remaining 43-day sentence at DOC on Friday and is expected to be released on Dec. 22, 2013, at 8am.

After serving his sentence, Buniag will be placed on one year probation, and required to pay a \$100 fine, \$100 court assessment fee, and \$289.42 in restitution to the victim, Ho Jin Yoon or First Hawaiian Bank. He was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.

According to the plea deal, on June 12 to 14, 2013, on Saipan, Buniag used a stolen First Hawaiian Bank Visa card that belonged to Yoon to buy Ray Ban sunglasses and a Nitro Piston Pellet Air Gun from Amazon.com, valued at \$289.42.

Based on preliminary police investigation, an employee of San Jose's sister company checked their credit card and found six unauthorized online purchases at Amazon.com totaling \$811.22. Investigation led to the arrest of the defendant. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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CHC's e-health record system now working

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A much improved delivery of healthcare services to the people is starting to gain traction at the public hospital, thanks to a federally-funded electronic health record system project that is now functional.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. interim CEO Esther Muña disclosed that the corporation is moving toward the use of an electronic health record system that will bring efficiency to all units of the Commonwealth Health Center.

Muña emphasized the benefits of the project to the operation of the organization. She disclosed that some of health-

care providers have already begun using the new system with other departments.

"The corporation is proud to be moving toward the use of an electronic health record system. Right now, all of your medical information is on paper and stored in a big folder called a medical chart. All of these charts take up a lot of space and can be used for only one person at a time. As they get larger, they become hard to carry and the information in large charts can sometimes be hard to find and read," Muña said.

Every time patients come in to see a healthcare provider, a handwritten notice is made about the services they receive. This piece of paper is put into

the patient's medical chart so that the corporation will have a record of their visit and past treatments they've received.

The new electronic health record system, Muña said, will be able to hold all of a patient's medical information, eventually reducing the reliance on handwritten information in a medical chart.

"When you meet with the staff, you may see them typing away on computers. Information about your visit is then immediately in your record and available for other service providers to refer to. Much of the information about your visits, lab tests, medications, and other information will also be stored in

an electronic, computerized form in a system called the Resource and Patient Management System," states a corporation statement.

According to the corporation, only authorized providers and staff will be able to look at a patient's electronic health record and information is protected on secure servers with secure access.

It said the "system is backed up daily and always has a second, duplicate system recording the very same information in case something goes wrong with the primary system. The corporation assures that the patient's health information is always secure and available."

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 11, 2005

Burglars hit Capital Hill post office

The U.S. Postal Service allayed fears yesterday that some absentee ballots might have been stolen during a recent break-in at the Capital Hill post office. According to a USPS employee, all absentee ballots were being kept secured in the main postal office in Chalan Kanoa. The Capital Hill does not house any election returns, he added. The Commonwealth Election Commission will retrieve the absentee ballots from the postal office on Nov. 19. Citing information from Guam-based U.S. postal inspector Craig Hales, *Saipan Tribune* columnist Ruth Tighe said the burglary occurred between the time the post office closed on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 26, and the time it opened on Thursday morning, Oct. 27.

NMI marks birthday of US Marine Corps

Government officials, veterans, Department of Public Safety personnel, Marines in active duty and retirees, among others, commemorated the founding anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps yesterday with a flag raising ceremony at the American Memorial Park Court of Honor. The ceremony started at 8am with four red U.S. Marine Corps flags raised at half-staff alongside the national colors. Military Veterans Affairs Office executive officer Ruth Coleman said the CNMI held the ceremony to recognize the U.S. Marine Corps' birthday. The flags were flown for 24 hours. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3457, Marine Corps member on active duty Donald Mendiola, retirees Gregory Castro and Dustin Pangelinan, veterans Woody Woodruff, Albert Harris, and DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau commander Edward Manalili attended the ceremony.

November 11, 2006

Lower bar sought for PUC

Aproposed legislation to lower qualifications for officials of the newly created Public Utilities Commission is now pending in the House of Representatives. Rep. Ray Yumul, along with two other lawmakers, has introduced House Bill 15-191, which seeks to lessen requirements for appointees to the utilities commission. Currently, the PUC law requires that the five-member commission include at least one commissioner who has training in the telephone, water and sewer utilities management; at least one with managerial or engineering experience in the field of power generation; at least one with telephone or cable television experience; and at least one who is a certified public accountant.

Crime Stoppers founder impressed with local program, media support

Greg MacAleese, founder of the highly successful citizen-police Crime Stoppers Program, is impressed with the progress of NMI's Crime Stoppers Program. "The program here is now well established. It's been going on here for 17 years and they've got an excellent board of directors," the 59-year-old MacAleese told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview Thursday at the multi-purpose center in Susupe where he conducted an orientation before law enforcers from different local agencies. MacAleese also hailed NMI Crime Stoppers coordinator Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. whom he described as "a very good coordinator for the program."

November 11, 2007

Benedetto: New labor law will have damaging effect


Federal Ombudsman Jim Benedetto yesterday expressed concern over some sections in the new labor reform law that, according to him, will have damaging effects on alien workers. In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Benedetto said he is disappointed that the Legislature disagreed with him on some of his concerns relating to the bill but he emphasized that he respects the legislators' decision to do what they think is best.

DPS to intensify patrols for this holiday season


The Department of Public Safety will intensify its law enforcement patrols this holiday season to prevent alcohol-related vehicular crashes. DPS spokesperson Lei Ogumoro said that beginning Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, the department will increase patrols targeting impaired drivers and conduct sobriety checkpoints. Ogumoro said DPS will also be conducting public education awareness about the dangers of drunk driving. The DPS leadership recently appointed Sgt. Anthony Macaranas as the new traffic commander.

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Breadfruit initiative kicks off with free 2-day workshop

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider are inviting farmers, land owners, and anyone interested in economic development to a two-day, free and open to the public workshop on breadfruit on Nov. 26-27, at the Northern Marianas College - CREES. The workshop intends to illustrate new developments in planting, growing, and exploiting breadfruit trees.

At the workshop, participants will learn how to acquire and grow breadfruit trees from breadfruit tissue culture. As part of the workshop, participants will be introduced to breadfruit plantlets: how they are produced; where they come from; how you can order them; and how to take care of them. The participants will learn the characteristics of the Ma'afala breadfruit, a variety of breadfruit known for its excellent eating qualities, compact tree form, and high protein making the Ma'afala ideal for flour production. Participants will also transplant 144 plugs (plantlets) into one-gallon pots. The workshop will also address several important questions:

How will the next generation of breadfruit trees be planted and grown? Will single crop plantations continue, or will we plant for optimizing total yield, environmental services, subsistence and cultural values? This part of the workshop will cover various planting configurations

for breadfruit, emphasizing multiple cropping for increased yields for local consumption, advantages and disadvantages of intercrops, and cost of production estimation.

How much breadfruit is currently available on Saipan? Which varieties are present? How accessible are the trees? These questions need to be answered in order to initiate a breadfruit enterprise from existing production before new plantings begin producing fruit. This part of the workshop will cover the basics of developing an estimate of current production on Saipan. The information will be used to estimate current yields and potential value of the crop.

How can breadfruit form the foundation for local food systems, community-based economic development, and disaster preparedness? This interactive session will help participant's visualize and plan for improved community resiliency through the lens of the breadfruit project and beyond.

Who is invited, and where/when: Invitation is open to anyone interested in breadfruit, local agriculture, and community-based economic development. The two-day free workshop will address recent developments in breadfruit propagation and show how breadfruit can become an important part of our economic development.

The two-day workshop will be held at the Northern Marianas College-CREES Conference Room. The first day of the workshop will be on Nov. 26, from 1pm to 5pm. The second will be on Nov. 27 (the next day) from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm.

For more information or details, contact Ivan A. Blanco, Office of Grants Management, at telephone number 664-2237 / 285-8768 or email ivan.blanco@gov.mp.

The workshop is made possible through a memorandum of understanding between the

CNMI and the Pacific Business Center Program at the University of Hawaii, "Development of Community Based Food Industry Utilizing Breadfruit as a Gluten Free Product for U.S. Market" aka "CNMI Breadfruit Initiative." The event is organized by Dr. CL Cheshire of

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Devastation

Supertyphoon “Yolanda” (international name Haiyan) displayed a terrible and terrifying strength; we are only beginning to see the utter devastation it has wrought. What was described by Jeff Masters of the U.S. commercial weather service Weather Underground as “the fourth strongest tropical cyclone in world history” and “the strongest tropical cyclone on record to make landfall” effectively brought the Visayas region in the Philippines to its knees.

The people of the battered provinces, many of them still picking up the pieces after earlier disasters that included a 7.2-magnitude earthquake, are in desperate need of help. Their circumstances—essentially lacking food, water and shelter—are made much worse by downed power and communication lines, broken bridges and destroyed airports, and roads blocked by fallen trees, power posts, and all manner of debris.

The Aquino administration is faced not only with a daunting rescue-relief-rehabilitation task but also with an apparent breakdown of law and order in certain devastated areas. Reports of looting, while not unexpected in a disaster of such proportions, are distressing.

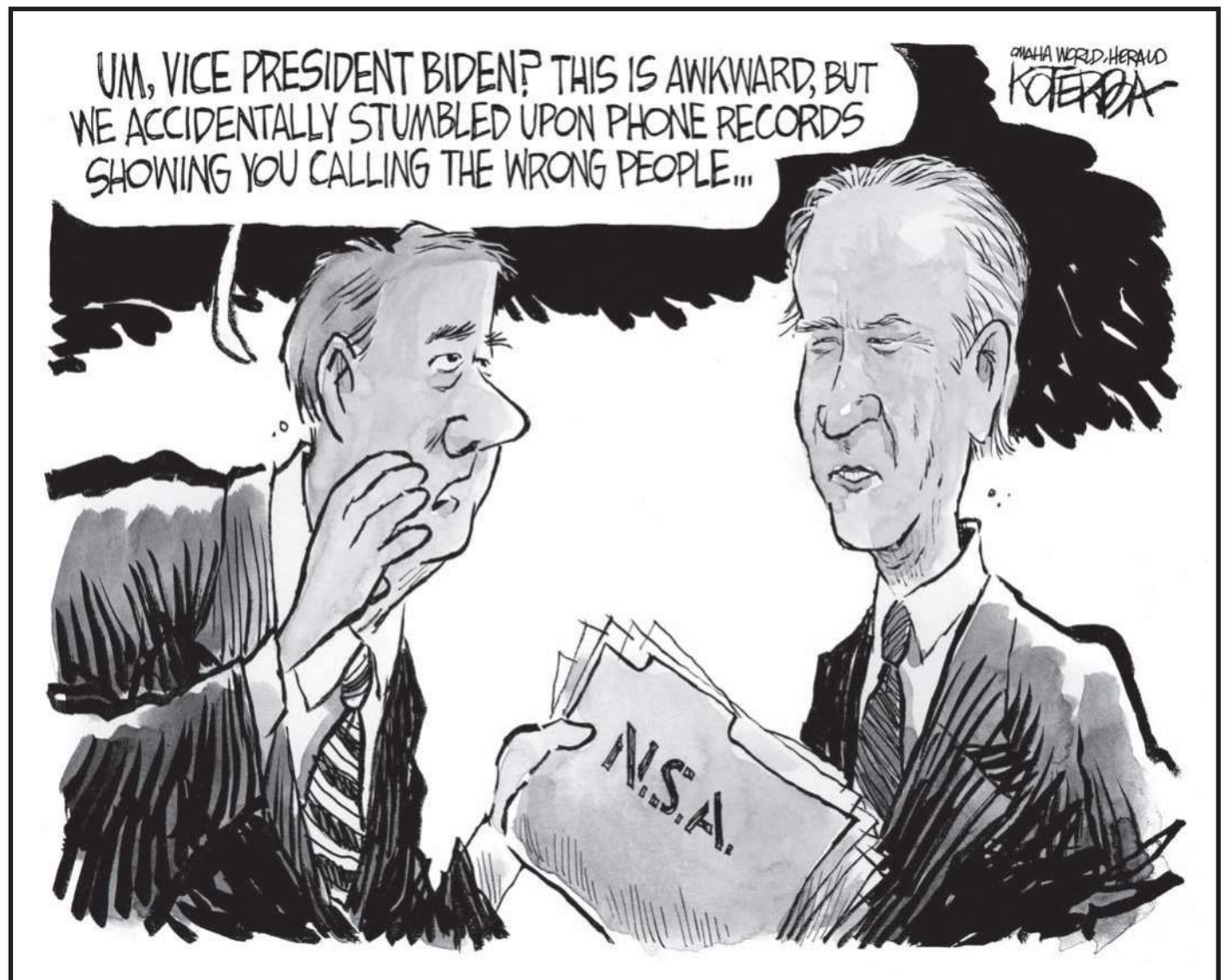
It is fortunate that Yolanda’s projected strength was met by unprecedented preparations. It is said that the early evacuation of residents from risky areas helped to keep the casualty count from leaping. The national and local governments appear to have learned from experience. It is hoped that the announced prepositioning of relief goods will serve its good purpose—but first the clearing of blocked roads is imperative.

It is hoped that the experience of Yolanda will serve to instruct the authorities on the kind of thinking needed in the face of natural disasters. Preparations for typhoons and other weather disturbances should now be automatic because we can see them coming through the tracking of Pagasa and Project NOAH (Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards).

The widespread cooperation of civilians should also be raised as a significant factor in keeping the casualty count low in certain provinces in Yolanda’s path. While many residents in danger zones used to ignore evacuation orders and wound up trapped or killed by floods, they now heeded such orders and other safety requirements. (Among other provinces, Albay has shown the way in preparedness. Before Typhoon “Pablo”—international name Bopha—roared in in 2012, Gov. Joey Salceda ordered a preemptive evacuation as well as advanced distribution of relief goods. The casualty count was drastically reduced.)

As we breathe, we hope. When the debris is cleared and the damage assessed, Yolanda will be remembered not only for its savagery but also for the lessons it dealt. It remains to be seen just how effective the preparations were, but it’s nonetheless significant that the national and local governments are doing more than just hunkering down and waiting for the storm—and storm surges—to pass.

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Balikatan ni kabalen sa balangay

My initial feed to colleagues who were curious for news on Yolanda—Haiyan in the international winds—who left her devastating trail behind in Tacloban City, was the initial count of a hundred casualties, with a sad note of the many unattended bodies by the wayside. In 24 hours, that number would climb to 10,000 and rising. We have a tragic disaster of major proportions on our hands.

The wording on our title deliberately mixes local tongues if only to signify that the situation at hand is more than just a localized calamity. In fact, it is more than an assault on our national awareness. Pinoys around the world are mobilizing resources to quickly get the “deed where there is a need.” They may do some personal accounting and inventory in the process.

The Philippines is a nation lorded over by landlords who benefited from the inequitable distribution of land from Spanish *haciendas*, tolerated by benign U.S. governance since they needed local counterparts to run their business interests, and let “local” consent front its military designs. Were it not for the millions of Filipinos in diaspora diligently remitting part of wages earned outside of the country, the economy would have gone the way of Mt. Pinatubo long time ago.

Trace family lineage in the names of leaders today and compare them to the ones during the 1935 Commonwealth government; one would recognize that there has not been much of a substantive change. Devastations of any kind will not change that current arrangement. Nor feeble attempt at scaling the social ladder to carry one’s bench (*ma-i-anggat ang sariling banko*) is sufficient. A total revamp (to occasion a major paradigm shift) of social relations is in order.

But right now, comparisons and contrasts of philosophical differences and the accuracy of socioeconomic analysis, are not our concern. There is a need for massive delivery of aid efforts, and those who have the means will do best if they keep their efforts near their chests as much as possible, up close and personal. The immediate call is not structural revolution to tinker with the system; it is the rapid mobilization of compassion. If that means working with the social welfare office of the government, so be it!

I bear scars on the structural revolution part. I saw a girl begging in front of the Sto. Niño Cathedral in the ’70s, about the age of my eldest daughter. I resolved from then that whatever efforts I did would redound to the welfare of every child in the region. I am sure my two eldest daughters would have preferred a doting father, but though I kept an eye on their growing up to be self-sufficient, self-reliant, and self-confident, I treated them in the same way as I treated everyone else, distant but fair. They lost a normally warmhearted Dad!

Famine struck Negros a few years later. An Australian ex-priest

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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and I visited one of the hospitals in Bacolod where I saw a fair-skinned child who looked like my eldest (my primal spouse is of German-Welsh lineage out of Chicago). She looked like she was only 4 but was actually 8, skeletal and famished to the bone. I quickly became a poster Dad against poverty.

Two reality checks occurred while on my high horse of structural revolution. While Negros was in the midst of famine, rice was rotting in warehouses in Masbate and Bicol as speculative traders played the market. A second, as a Rotarian in Mactan in the ’80s, we responded to the devastation of a natural calamity, bringing in some 50 containers of relief goods through Cebu’s customs. Buried under the boxes were two brand new Mercedes Benz cars. Greed is no stranger in the company of catastrophe!

The foregoing are not words of caution. It is a call to pay close attention to whatever we do. Those willing to show compassion are doubly responsible to ensure that their relief aids get to the right people. It is not enough to say one contributed to someone’s efforts. This is the immediate need.

The long-term need was overdue yesterday. Those of us who may still carry two passports, one of Uncle Sam’s, are doubly challenged to take the democratic base of our new loyalty seriously. I do not mean voting during elections and performing volunteer duties through our favored NGOs. I mean fully participating in the democratic process, including the devolution of decision-making so that a “central” command would be unnecessary to meet common requirements.

The White House and Malacañang, Congress and the Batasan, were necessary when it took efforts to bring reps from outlying regions into the capital city, but with current modes of transport and communication, it is no longer necessary to concentrate so much power on a handful of places in the purview of a few. Greed, after all, multiplies faster under confined environments.

We need a massive reexamination of ourselves as individuals and groups, in the context of a globe that has shrunk to manageable size. The *Pinoy* in diaspora is called upon to do that right now while packing the relief goods.

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Looking into the future

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Any politician worth his salt would look at his future by measuring what he's accomplished to earn the reciprocal trust of "we the people" once more. He "follows the money" or definitive plan most suited for "wealth and jobs creation" to improve the livelihood of the people he represents.

Now, the yawning gap between "new" investments (revenues) and what's going into the local coffers is oceans apart. This is because the CNMI hasn't seen anything of substance on investment since 2005.

It's a serious indicator that our annual revenue has taken a vicious beating from \$256 million annually to a measly \$123 million, a drop of about \$133 million. There's constant fiscal turbulence and nightmare to meet fiscal obligations.

The drop is so severe as to force a 25-percent cut in retirees' pension. You quiz if this need be the case when nearby Guam just gave its retirees Cost of Living Allowance of some \$1,100 to \$1,800. It's a tale of the woefully significant drop in revenue generation that started nearly 10 years ago.

We could turn our ship of bankruptcy (now sitting in the harbor) the other way by supporting recently presented investment opportunities on wind turbine power generation and ship repair/building projects. It's the way to change the calculus of bankruptcy to prosperity. And I'd be keenly watching how leadership disposes of a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The mega-investment isn't about anything else but "we the people," people in the villages who have been cringing at the horrendous utility rates, lack of employment, underemployment, cut in pension pay, inability to meet daily familial needs, among others. It's a matter of reining in "wealth and jobs creation," no more, no less. The \$800 million mega-investment is the sure seed of economic revival!

Working with global US firms

Working with top gun U.S. firms (proven for their specialty on a global basis) grants the CNMI a stronger handle on most every aspect of the investment. I'm talking money for direly needed infrastructure (power and shipyard) that would trigger attention by other major investors in the region.

Furthermore, the firms are U.S.-owned and could easily avail of federal funds to help it in its projects out here. For instance, there's the opportunity to secure some \$5 million for staff training for both power and shipyard projects. It's money that could easily be funneled to NMC and trade school to train local staff for both facilities.

It opens opportunities for U.S. Department of Labor certification upon successful completion of training and prepares them for meaningful employment and starting salaries at \$7.50 an hour. But if this investment is given to a foreign firm, is there guarantee that the fate of the investment and local employees are in fact a part of the long-term plan?

Thus, there's realistic advantage working with "big time" U.S. firms who are world renowned in their specialty such as wind turbine power generation and ship repair and building facilities. It's a sure way for stable investment and economic growth in the islands.

Caveat: If the projects are handed to foreign firms, then never forget that though federal funds may be available for our use, Uncle Sam won't be releasing money that goes to foreign governments.

Wealth and jobs creation

The concept of "wealth and jobs creation" is about luring wealth (investments) into the CNMI. The sum of \$300 million for wind turbine power generation would eventually lower the cost of utilities way below what they are today.

But we need to privatize CUC so the new power firm could do it right from the beginning without any further delay. It has the money and the expertise to get off on the right track on this issue.

The other investment (\$500 million) is earmarked to build the ship repair and building facility in Lower Base. That this amount is headed into the CNMI is itself "wealth creation." When it is spent it obviously means the creation of over 800 jobs for our people.

It's mind-boggling the eventual global ripple effects both projects would trumpet worldwide as the signal lure for more major investments. In brief, mega-investments beget mega-investments.

I'm sure you recall the boom years of the mid-'80s and '90s when we had tons of money, right? This is far more promising and stable than what we've seen over the last 70 years.

When we make it happen

A lot of positive ripple effects would emerge when we embrace the \$800 million mega-investment of Green Globe Solutions and Agility.

The 25-percent deductions against retirees' pension could be returned on a timely basis. That we would be fiscally better off means we could do away with bond flotation in order to prevent saddling our children with loans they know nothing about.

The boom years of the mid-'80s through the '90s are examples of economic prosperity that grants the CNMI the ability to move about its developmental projects with greater ease. Empty coffers will remain problematic for as long as we waltz with complacency and lead the CNMI down the path of persistent bankruptcy. It's time to move into the reorientation mode to rebuild these isles.

I recalled business residuals (expansion and startups) in the mid-'80s, from human resource firms and trucking, to insurance, warehousing, and shipping, among others. The hotel area in Garapan was teeming with customers looking for R&R and dinner right after work. That venue is basically empty these days. We could revive its customer base by working with what's before us.

Providing the means to economic recovery is right under nose. Let's do it and set in motion the path to economic recovery and prosperity. Let's rebuild and provide opportunities for our people to live right at home in what we call our tiny paradise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

I want to commend *Saipan Tribune* for its impartiality when reporting controversial issues. In my opinion, *Saipan Tribune* exhibits objectivity and impartiality. I respect that, as most readers do I'm sure. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for its competitor, *Marianas Variety*. Oftentimes I observe MV to be defensive whenever anyone takes issues and criticizes Delegate Kilili Sablan but takes pleasure in joining the bandwagon to chastise anything that pertains to former governor Benigno Fitial. As for the latter, I understand the unfriendliness toward him because years ago Fitial and Tan Holdings sued MV for libel in court. Since then MV always took pleasure in reporting anything bad that befalls Benigno Fitial. Editor Zaldy Dandan is obviously a strong fan of Delegate Sablan and an adversary of Fitial. I am sure that my observation is shared by many readers and we all admire and respect objectivity that oftentimes is absent in Zaldy's positions and MV's in general. Let the reading public be the judge. As they say in Fox News, "we report you decide." Again, thanks for your service to the reading public.

Alvaro A. Santos

Agag, Saipan

True lies

I read with interest the letter of Mr. Juan I. Taisague's letter titled "Irresponsible government" published in the *Saipan Tribune* on Nov. 8, 2013. When I coined the word "politricks," the word could be defined to your liking. In the Cabrera's edition, it is defined as "Same ol' dudes with the same ol' lies!" Over and over again, we are being hammered without being represented. The government has thrown in the towel without putting up much of a fight. Did David back out when he faced the mighty Goliath? In our case, the people do not have a voice. We've lost before the battle started.

I'm excited about what this coming general election will bring. Here's an excerpt of a conversation I had about three weeks ago. A friend of mine called me up a few weeks ago and said election will be interesting and this is "IT!" I said what is "IT?" He said, "The tandem Inos-Torres is what I am referring to." I quickly responded, "Lanya IT!" He then hung up on me. Was it something I said?

Vince G. Cabrera

Chalan Piao, Saipan

What the heck is going on in the Senate?

One day we are being told that investors want to put \$1 billion into the CNMI and the very next day we see headlines that the casino bill is still alive! Which direction are we going? The governor said on TV that he realizes the people have voted no twice and yet in the same paragraph he references the casino bill still being alive. More mixed signals! Whatever happened to governing based the people's decision, choice, or desire? Whatever happened to respecting the people you work for? My God, whatever happened to governing based on principles, values, morals and ethical standards! It seems like the only time we can get any respect is election season, when they come calling house to house for votes and that's it folks!

We have leaders who must know they are perpetuating racism and discrimination with Article 12 and just when many of us thought the casino bill was dead, they try and resurrect the casino again, violating every standard of being a government of, for and by the people. It hasn't been that long ago the Senate was saying it was very unlikely to pass the casino bill and now it is back alive. But they are not magicians and certainly they won't be able to hide from the principles of respecting the people's decision!

The Senate president really needs to take charge and reject the casino bill and just put it on the ballot like you are supposed to do if

you truly respect the people. Stop playing politics with us senators by bringing up the casino issue when the governor just told you about a potential \$1 billion diversified investment for the CNMI. The Senate should be getting right to work on the potentially new investment that will be more conducive to the local workforce and social fiber, more productive in contributing to our present economic model, and better in diversifying the development of our economic infrastructure.

They have run out of baton carriers for the casinos and the governor is only one pushing it now. So what leader is going to step up and say enough is enough and that we have to respect the people! Are all of our leaders really willing to sit still for governing without principles, values and respect for the people? If there is no representative or senator on the Hill against the casino then we know we are all screwed. This reminds me of Sodom and Gomorra when mankind almost failed miserably but was saved by one. I'm sure there are a lot of people who will agree that we need to be looking at the new million dollar investor(s) on the horizon, not the casinos we have already passed that should be behind us!

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

Illegal dumping

We hike regularly with a group of friends on the many trails Saipan offers. We enjoy this activity because of the exercise we gain and seeing the outstanding beauty of the island. Many places are pristine, fresh, and clean with views that are unique in the world. We really enjoy this activity and it is one reason we all enjoy living here so much.

Last Sunday we hiked the Naftan Trail to the "big gun" at the end, called Puntan I Naftan. On our trek we passed four large and what I assume were illegal dumpsites. We examined the trash, which was about four pickup truckloads in size, to see if we could identify who was responsible for making this smelly, ugly mess that took away from the beauty we sought. There were many shopping bags with the logos of several local businesses. I do not believe that these large well-known businesses are responsible for the dumping, but their names are on display for all to see. We went though these trash/garbage bags looking for clues, we did not find any proof of ownership.

Last year on a trail in Marpi we did find canceled checks in an illegal dumpsite that led directly to the owners of the trash. We went

to see these people and they were so embarrassed and sad when they found an employee had dumped there rather than take the trash to the free recycling/dumpsite at Puerto Rico. They promised to go out and pick up their trash, and we checked two days later, and they had cleaned up the mess. These were really good responsible people.

My concern is that the government is not doing its job to find and punish those that dump their trash in our beautiful home of Saipan. It is difficult to understand why some people dump illegally when we have great places to dispose of trash, free! The enforcers of our laws could do the same thing that we did, look for proof of ownership in the dumpsite and go after the violators of our dumping laws. The fines could help sponsor the government and or MVA.

We must keep Saipan as a clean, beautiful place for us locals and the tourists as well that like to see the nature and beauty of Saipan. Please ask your legislators to help enforce the laws of our land.






Frank Stewart

Capital Hill, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88 ▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲88 ▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲84 ▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼60
Beijing	Sunny	▲55 ▼32
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲78 ▼72
Honolulu	Showers	▲82 ▼70
London	Showers	▲59 ▼49
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼52
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼78
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲67 ▼49
Miami	Showers	▲82 ▼71
New York	Windy	▲56 ▼35
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲59 ▼48
Paris	Showers	▲53 ▼53
Pusan	Sunny	▲60 ▼43
Rome	Windy	▲58 ▼50
Salem	Cloudy	▲57 ▼44
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼50
Seoul	Sunny	▲51 ▼32
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲55 ▼45
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼38

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:49 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
7:52 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
2:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
9:22 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A tropical disturbance is centered southeast of Palau near 3N140E. A surface trough curves east from 2N130 through the circulation at 2N142E to EQ145E. Heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are found across portions of Palau and Yap state south of a line from 5N130E to 10N138E to 10N141E to EQ147E. Upper-level divergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Wake Island within 160 miles of a line from 13N170E to 20N175E. A surface trough extends northeastward from 3N171E to 9N177E. Isolated thunderstorms exist within 150 miles of a line from 6N169E to 10N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Wednesday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:06 PM	12:21 AM
Tuesday	1:50 PM	1:17 AM
Wednesday	2:33 PM	2:11 AM
Thursday	3:16 PM	3:04 AM
Friday	4:00 PM	3:57 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5038	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA5039	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA5077	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA5079	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	1:35pm	2:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5038	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	2:40pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5038	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:25pm	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:35am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	D2101	8:30am	2:00pm	3
D2102	2:20am	5:50am	3	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	D2103	7:30pm	1:00am+1	6
OZ6063	3:30am	7:20am	4, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
D2104	2:00pm	5:30pm	6	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	OZ6053	9:10pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:35am	5:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	9:05am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:40am	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
DL287/473	6:05am	10:30pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA190/5079	10:00am	5:35pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5068/PR111	8:40am	4:45pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA5038/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5078/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA184/5071	11:59pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5038/179	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM	UA180/5071	11:10pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN				
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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Rota-Guam				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 200	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily				
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily				
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				

United Airlines launches daily Guam-Rota flights



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Representatives of United Airlines, Pacific Asia Travel Association - Micronesia Chapter, and A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority welcome customers arriving on the inaugural Rota-Guam flight on Nov. 1, 2013.

GUAM—United Airlines launched daily flights between Guam and Rota on Nov. 1, 2013, with the 3:10pm arrival of UA5039 at A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam. Cape Air operates the United Express flights on this route using a 46-seat regional jet aircraft.

Customers arriving from Rota were welcomed by representatives of the United Guam sales team, Pacific Asia Travel Association - Micronesia Chapter, and A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority.

“With these additional daily flights

between Guam and Rota, United now offers customers more convenient access between the islands,” said Sam Shinohara, United’s managing director for Business Development, Asia/Pacific. “We are excited and confident that the launch of this new route will

help promote Guam and the Marianas as popular destinations for business or leisure travel in the region.”

United Airlines and United Express operate an average of more than 5,300 flights a day to more than 360 airports across six continents. In 2012, United

and United Express carried more passenger traffic than any other airline in the world and operated nearly two million flights carrying 140 million customers. For more information, visit united.com or follow United on Twitter and Facebook. *(United Airlines)*



DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
P.O. Box 501000 C.K.
Saipan, MP 96950



Opening Date: November 11, 2013

Closing Date: November 29, 2013

Department of Community & Cultural Affairs FY' 2014 FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION & SERVICES ACT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Department of Community & Cultural Affairs (DCCA) is soliciting request for proposals for the FY 2014 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) funds as defined in section 306(a) of the FVPSF Act under Title III of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. A total of \$115,163.00 is made available to be divided and sub-granted to non-governmental agencies/non-profit community organizations (including faith-based and charitable organizations, community-based organizations, and voluntary associations) in the CNMI upon satisfying the specific requirements/provisions of the said funding through the “Family Violence Prevention and Services Act”.

The purpose of the FVPSA funding is to make grants available to States and Territories to assist in:

1. Efforts to increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence and dating violence;
2. Efforts to provide immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents;
3. Providing for a national domestic violence hotline;
4. Providing for technical assistance and training relating to family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence programs to States and Territories, local public agencies (including law enforcement agencies, courts, and legal, social service, and health care professionals in public agencies), nonprofit private organizations (including faith-based and charitable organizations, community-based organizations, and voluntary associations), tribal organizations and other persons seeking such assistance and training.

A copy of the grant general requirements/conditions, subgrantee responsibilities, and other scope relating to the funding can be obtained at the DYS main office, House #1234 Isa Drive, Capitol Hill. For additional questions or inquiries, please contact Rita Castro at 664-2591 or Vivian Sablan at 664-2592.

/s/ Vivian T. Sablan
DYS Administrator

/s/ Laura T. Ogumoro
DCCA Secretary



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES



RFQ14-GOV-017

Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting statements of qualification (SOQ) from licensed architectural and engineering firms (A&E) for the Design of the Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement Project, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The full Request for Qualifications (RFQ) documents may be obtained by contacting Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager, by telephone at (670) 664-2274 or by email at psas@saipan.com. All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:00 pm, November 22, 2013 to Mr. Sasamoto by facsimile at (670) 664-2279.

The design and construction of the Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement Project is made possible by a grant from the Office of the Insular Affairs (OIA), U.S. Department of the Interior and requires a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance.

One original and four (4) copies shall be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than **2:00 PM, (CNMI local time), on December 11, 2013.**

The SOQ shall be marked “**Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement Project, RFQ14-GOV-017**”. For firms within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of SOQ must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **2:00 p.m. (CNMI local time), on December 11, 2013.** Firms located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **2:00 p.m. (CNMI local time), on December 11, 2013,** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or email procurement@pticom.com. For firms located outside the CNMI, one original and four (4) copies of SOQ must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 11, 2013** AND must be received no later than **December 20, 2013.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all SOQ and to waive any imperfections in any SOQ if to do so shall be in the best interests of the CNMI. All SOQ shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/Eloy S. Inos
Governor, CNMI

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

AmeriCorps students participate in 3-day orientation

» 60 students prepare for another year of tutoring CNMI youth



PHOTOS BY THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Students from Tinian Jr./Sr. High School deliberate on ways they can prepare for tutoring elementary and junior high students on Tinian.

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Marianas High School senior Amery Jane Madeloso served nearly 700 service hours by tu-

toring students in her first year of joining the AmeriCorps program in 2012.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS FOR FY 2013 AND 2014 MPLT RFP 13-002

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) for Financial and Compliance Audit for MPLT for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Copy of the RFP is available @www.mplt.gov.mp or may be pick-up at MPLT, 1222 Capital Hill Road, Saipan, MP 96950.

Office Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday

Contact Barbara Reyes at (670) 322-4401/4402 or email: mplt@mplt.gov.mp for more information.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION : 4:00 P.M., Friday, November 15, 2013

PLACE : Marianas Public Land Trust
P.O. Box 501089 1222
Capital Hill Road, Saipan, MP 96950

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is in the Funds best interest. All proposals shall become the property of MPLT.



Students from Rota High school pose for a photo during day one of the three-day pre-service student orientation.

“It was a one-of-a-kind experience for me,” she said. “I dealt with students who needed extra help and students who feel like school is not their thing. The AmeriCorps program has changed my life as well as the students I mentor.”

Madeloso shared her experience and passion for educating Saipan’s youth on Day 1 of the three-day AmeriCorps pre-service student orientation at PIC’s Charley’s Cabaret, which ends today. Sixty students from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota participated in the orientation conducted by CNMI PSS AmeriCorps instructor Victoria Nicholas and volunteers.

According to Nicholas, who took helm of the program last year, students who participate in the program must be U.S. citizens and have a minimum GPA of 2.5

“Students who participate in the AmeriCorps program go



AmeriCorps site coordinators at PIC.

out from kindergarten to junior high school and tutor kids who are reading at the very bottom quadrant of the [national average] reading level,” Nicholas told the *Saipan Tribune*.

Nicholas explained that only 60 are allowed to join the program but, for the first time, the organization has accepted numerous volunteers.

The three-day workshop prepares the students for what they will encounter in the months to come as AmeriCorps tutors. Juniors and seniors, who make up most of the tutors, will be assigned several students to work with throughout the school year and will have to mentor them.

Nicholas shared that each AmeriCorps tutor is mandated to complete 675 hours of service within a school year and spend at least 14 hours a week mentoring students. Reading and writing will be the main subject areas that students will be mentored in.

“I think it is pretty exciting and intense considering that we have to work on school-work and tutor at the same time,” said Tinian senior Ellimae Almogela.

Almogela said that time management will definitely be an obstacle for her and that completing the required hours will be a challenge as well.

“We really have to think about our schedules,” she said. “It is something more than tutoring. I

want to become a teacher after I graduate so I have to take this seriously.”

Saipan Southern High School senior Rachel Borja expressed the same sentiments. “It looks like it’s going to be a hard experience and you have to be committed. I think that I can handle it.”

Borja looks at this opportunity as a time to gain skills needed for when she attends college in the mainland.

Rota’s Khurston King remains optimistic about the service hours, saying he decided to participate in the program to “help the youth in the community.”

A senior at Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High, King said, “I will put my mind to it even if it might be difficult. I am excited to tutor students as well as learn from them.”

According to Nicholas, the AmeriCorps tutors will be given a monthly stipend and will be supervised by site coordinators who are the “cogs and wheels” of the program.

The CNMI PSS AmeriCorps program has been running for more than a decade now and students who complete the program receive an education award at the end of the academic year.

The national AmeriCorps program was founded in 1993 and its main goals are to get things done, strengthen communities, encourage responsibility, and expand opportunity.



PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments¹
- III. New Business
 1. Legal Counsel Position
 2. Certification & Licensure Recommendations
- IV. Executive Session²
- V. Administrative Matters
- VI. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting
- VII. Adjournment

¹Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

²Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOTTERY COMMISSION MEETING

Notice is provided of a scheduled meeting of the Lottery Commission on November 14, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Governor's Conference Room Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building – Capitol Hill Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral communications regarding the agenda below.

AGENDA

1. Preliminary Matters
 - (a.) Call to order
 - (b.) Roll call
 - (c.) Adoption of Agenda
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Purpose and role of Commission
4. Proposed Structure of Video Lottery
5. Proposed Regulations
6. Requests for Proposal Structure
7. Proposed Timetable for Implementation
8. Meeting Schedule
9. Other Matters
10. Public Comments
11. Adjournment

Opt-outs get two pension checks with 25-pct. cut

By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**
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REPORTER

Even before Gov. Eloy S. Inos could act on a House bill funding the pension of retirees who

Marianas Business Plaza gets \$500K solar power grant

WASHINGTON, D.C.—“Federal support is there for well-thought-out business plans that meet the needs of the community and fit our national energy policy goals,” said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP). The congressman was congratulating Marianas Business Plaza owner Erick van der Maas on the announcement Friday that he is the recipient of a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Energy for America Program. The grant will be used, together with \$1.8 million of private financing, to construct a 650-kilowatt solar power system over the parking lot at the Business Plaza in Susupe.

The Marianas Business Plaza project was one of only five projects nationwide to receive the maximum allowable REAP grant of \$500,000. Another of the maximum grants went to a solar project in Maryland; and three were for projects converting biomass to energy.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the award of 422 grants Friday with a total value of \$14.2 million.

“Because \$500,000 is the maximum grant that can be awarded by the Rural Energy for America Program,” noted Sablan, “the Marianas Business Plaza has clearly done an excellent job of justifying the planned facility and demonstrating its economic feasibility.”

“Many people have talked about moving us in the direction of larger scale renewable energy, but Mr. van der Maas is demonstrating that it can really be done. I congratulate him on this success.”

The Rural Energy for America Program provides grants and loan guarantees to farms and small businesses to install solar and other renewable energy systems. REAP financing may also be used to make energy efficiency improvements to non-residential buildings and for other energy conservation purposes in rural areas.

“Having a solar power electrical generation system on this scale in such a public place will have a substantial impact on how we all think about the energy future of the Northern Marianas,” Sablan said.

“I hope that it will encourage more energy entrepreneurs in the Northern Mariana Islands and speed our shift away from expensive and nonrenewable fossil fuels.” (*Office of the Delegate*)

opted out of a global settlement agreement, these retirees were able to get their pension checks for two payment periods but reflecting a 25-percent cut similar to those in the settlement class.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said House Bill 18-130, Senate Draft 1 is “still undergoing review,” but said that retiree opt-outs received their pensions using a \$200,000 NMI Retirement Fund home loan portfolio.

“The opt-outs were paid on Oct. 30 for both their 15th and 30th pensions, by way of the \$200,000 in the NMIRF home loan portfolio,” Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The press secretary said fur-

ther payments will have to be funded by way of an appropriation measure.

Retiree Jesus I. Taisague, one of those who opted out of the settlement class, confirmed Thursday that he and others got paid “only 75 percent” of their Oct. 15 and Oct. 30 pension on Oct. 30.

Taisague initially thought they received their pension because of the governor’s signing of Rep. Mario Taitano’s (Ind-Saipan) HB 18-130, SD1. He said he’s not aware that the funding came from the Retirement Fund’s home loan program.

Nevertheless, Taisague questioned the 25-percent cut in their pension.

He brought up the issue to lawmakers but he’s not happy with the response.

“The settlement agreement did not stipulate that the opt-out retirees cannot be paid more than 75 percent. It’s a violation of our constitutional right, to diminish our pension,” Taisague told *Saipan Tribune*.

Taisague is suing the governor, the CNMI government, and the NMI Retirement Fund in federal court for entering into a settlement agreement with Betty Johnson that, according to him, is unconstitutional and illegal.

Taisague said the defendants are prohibited by the U.S. and the CNMI Constitutions from impairing or diminishing their contractual obligations to pay him as a retiree.



KSPN VISITS MANTA RAY

On Nov. 5, 2013, Saipan Southern High School’s Army JROTC Manta Ray Battalion gets a visit from KSPN’s Bob Coldeen. Cadets were interviewed on how the battalion is similar to the Army and the many opportunities present in JROTC. Standing from left, C/CPT Kristofer Morales; CSM Richard S. Basa; C/CPT Jinky Kintaro; Bob Coldeen; C/LTC Donna Pascual; and C/CPT Ella Mae Dela Cruz. Foreground from left, C/CSM Kenneth Catilo; C/CPT James Kintaro; C/CPT Amante Andrada.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
 - i. August 29, 2013
 - ii. September 17, 2013
 - iii. October 2, 2013
 - iv. October 10, 2013
- II. Public Comments
- III. Reports
 - a. Chair’s Report
 - b. Executive Director’s Report
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
 - a. TDHC Casino Employee Applications
- VI. Executive Session
- VII. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters
- VIII. Adjournment

*Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
*Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time



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Parts/Heavy Equipment Rental
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**HEREBY STATES THAT DPL PROPERTY
LOT NO. 125 D 01 PUERTO RICO,
SAIPAN HAS BEEN LEASED TO PACIFIC
MARINE ENTERPRISES INC. AND IS
NOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

PME MANAGEMENT



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MVA-RFP-14-2301

For: Legal Services for the Marianas Visitors Authority

Closing Date: **November 22, 2013** Time: **3:00 P.M.**

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
San Jose Professional Building
P.O. Box 500861
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., (closed 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the **MVA** website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ MARIAN-ALDAN PIERCE
Chairman of the Board

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO
Managing Director



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement No. 13-039

Position Title: Academic Librarian
Pay Level & Step: 32/01-32/02
Annual Salary: \$45,632.48 - \$47,229.62
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 11/7/2013
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

Announcement No. 13-040

Position Title: Instructor, Hospitality/Tourism
Pay Level & Step: 29/01 – 29/02
32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: \$36,918.09 - \$38,210.22
\$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 11/7/2013
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

Announcement No. 13-041

Position Title: Instructor, Education (SPED)
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 11/7/2013
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

Announcement No. 13-042

Position Title: Instructor, Education
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 11/7/2013
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

Announcement No. 13-043

Position Title: Outreach Counselor
Pay Level & Step: 29/01 – 29-02
Annual Salary: \$40,567.11 - \$41,986.96
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 11/7/2013
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

Announcement No. 13-044

Position Title: Program Coordinator I (Testing Center)
Pay Level & Step: 24/01 – 24/02
Annual Salary: \$29,461.73 - \$30,492.89
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 11/7/2013
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

Re-Announcement No. 13-028

POSITION TITLE: Instructor, Nursing
Minimum Pay Level & Step: Clinical Instructor: 30/01 – 30/02
Academic Instructor: 32/01 – 32/02
Minimum Annual Salary: Clinical Instructor: \$38,394.81 – 39,738.63
Academic Instructor: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 11/7/2013
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

Re-Announcement No. 13-017

POSITION TITLE: Accountant I (Accounts Receivable)
Pay Level & Step: 26/01-26/02
Annual Salary: \$32,419.71 - \$33,554.40
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 10/31/2013
Closing Date: 11/15/2013

Re-Announcement No. 13-031

POSITION TITLE: Admissions Specialist I
Pay Level & Step: 20/01 – 20/02
Annual Salary: \$24,330.79 - \$25,182.37
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 10/31/2013
Closing Date: 11/15/2013

Re-Announcement No. 13-034

POSITION TITLE: Personnel Specialist I
Pay Level & Step: 24/01 – 24/02
Annual Salary: \$29,461.73 - \$30,492.89
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 10/31/2013
Closing Date: 11/15/2013

Re-Announcement No. 13-038

POSITION TITLE: Financial Aid Specialist II
Pay Level & Step: 25/01 – 25/02
Annual Salary: \$30,905.35 - \$31,987.04
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 10/31/2013
Closing Date: 11/15/2013

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds.

Bank of Guam leads 2013 small business lending



From left, Ken Lujan, SBA Guam branch manager and Bank of Guam officers Ben Pablo, Mike Naholowaa, Esther Reyes (2010 Guam Banker of the Year), Alice Gagarin (2012 Guam Banker of the Year), Joyce Miyas-hita, Janine Eustaquio (2013 Guam Banker of the Year), Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Keven Camacho, Renee Wade, and William D. Leon Guerrero.

»BOG's Janine Eustaquio Top Guam Banker

HAGATNA, GUAM—U.S. Small Business Administration's

Guam Office announced Friday that Bank of Guam surpassed all local banks as the principal generator of small business loans in Guam, approving 26 SBA loans totaling over \$2.9 million in Guam for fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2013.

Bank of Guam board chair, president, and chief executive officer Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero stated, "Being named SBA's No. 1 local bank in generating small business loans in Guam reminds us of our founding commitment to local and responsible economic

growth and success."

"We are also very proud of Janine Eustaquio, Bank of Guam's lending officer who generated the most number of Guam's SBA loans. We are humbled by the support over these four decades and will continue to work for and

earn the trust of our community. We are proud to share this wonderful success with our community," she added.

Bank of Guam continues its SBA status as a member of the SBA Preferred Lender Program, Certified Lender Program, and

Patriot Express. The SBA Preferred Lender Program provides the highest level of autonomy to designated banks, while Patriot Express is a loan initiative for veterans and members of the military community wanting to establish or expand small businesses. **(BOG)**

On Monday, Nov. 4, over 120 members of the Hopwood MYWAVE Club spent "Citizenship Day" picking up trash along the beaches from San Antonio Beach to Sugar Dock.

Afterwards, the students gathered at the Hopwood Junior High School campus to begin cultural dance practice, led by the current club officers as well as students from Saipan Southern High School (former MYWAVE officers).

MYWAVE Club Officers organized and planned the event, led by Mei Lin (president), Shorettalayne Mendiola (VP Volunteer Work), Ryan Relucio (VP Volunteer Work), and Danika Aguon (VP Volunteer Work), with guidance from advisers Jenn Castro (main adviser), Roque Indalecio, Connie Camacho, Sonya Olopai, Ruby Hocog, Sancho Escobar, and Maria Mettao.

The Hopwood Junior High School MYWAVE Club was established in 2003 with the help and guidance of the Marianas Tourism Education Council. The club works hand-in-hand with tourism agencies and related businesses to beautify and promote the CNMI as a viable tourism destination.

"Our club aims to raise awareness in our community about the importance of our tourism industry through keeping our island environment clean and promoting healthy decisions and activities. MYWAVE Club also helps

Hopwood MYWAVE Club holds beach cleanup



strengthen student understanding about culture, the environment, responsibility, team work, leadership, and character," according to the group's mission statement.

The Hopwood MYWAVE Club works collaboratively with the HJHS PTSA, the Student Council, the Division of Environmental Quality, and other environment groups.

The club hopes to attend the Tourism Summit in Guam in 2014. Fundraising efforts to achieve this goal are now in the works. They plan to have dances, car washes, candy grams, and other fundraising and school events. **(PR)**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Over 120 members of the Hopwood MYWAVE Club spent "Citizenship Day" on Monday, Nov. 4, picking up trash along the beaches from San Antonio Beach to Sugar Dock.

Left, members of the Hopwood MYWAVE Club mug for the camera during their beach cleanup on Monday, Nov. 4.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Rotary district governor Isako Funaki highlighted Rotary International's goal of having 1.3 million Rotarians in the next two years in her speech at the Rotary Club of Saipan's rare Thursday meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sandcastle.

"Rotary International is committed to seeing Rotary membership climb to 1.3 million by 2015. We need your help to achieve this goal. Especially, there should be a lot more women," she said, as translated by district assistant governor Noel Boylan, who is from the Rotary Club of Pohnpei.

Additionally, Funaki said the civic organization should recruit younger members and make sure that today's Rotaract and Interact members as well as other younger people become tomorrow's Rotarians.

"I have set the goal to have net increase of 200 or above in district membership. To achieve this goal, it is very important to maintain the existing members as well as gaining new members. We will conduct quarterly review on membership at each of the clubs," said Funaki, who is from the Tokyo Shirokane Rotary Club.

As of end of June, Japan's overall trend in membership is a decrease of 15 members per year, she said. Funaki believes, however, that the trend has stopped. "In order to maintain the existing membership, we encourage club members to stay and not to quit."

Funaki also made some sug-

'1.3 million Rotarians by 2015'



gestions to keep existing members while adding new ones.

"We should recall why and how we decided to join Rotary. That would help us to consider how you should approach possible member candidates. Some might have wanted to join volunteer activities, some might have looked for friends, or some might have found something interesting and useful in Rotary for their businesses. We can invite our colleagues, friends whom you share interest

or hobby in common. You can also invite your wife's friend."

She also reminded everyone of Rotary International president Ron D. Burton's message during the 2013 International Assembly in San Diego in January 2013.

"At the assembly, president Burton announced the Rotary International theme for the year, which is 'Engage Rotary Change Lives.' What exactly does it mean to us engaging Rotary or being a Rotarian? Mr.

Burton has stated Rotary's core values as follows: service, fellowship, diversity, and integrity. He also has stated that a Rotarian is a person who lives by Rotary's core values, trying to spread them to the community

where he or she serves."

Aside from Funaki and Boylan, other Rotarians from off-island that attended the meeting Thursday were district group secretary Yoshihiro Sakamoto of Guam Sun-

rise Rotary Club, Rotaract Club of Tokyo vice president Tonny Fujiwara, district secretary Motoko Takasi, and Rotary Club of Atago president Isamu Ozeki and vice president Mina Ishiwatari.

Over 1K lbs of trash collected at PDM



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Volunteers from the Saipan Awaodori Team and Kinpachi Restaurant pose for a photo with the over 1,000 lbs of trash they collected during PDM Promoters, Inc.'s monthly cleanup of Paseo de Marianas last Saturday.

PDM Promoters, Inc.'s monthly cleanup of Paseo de Marianas yielded 1,040 lbs of trash last Saturday.

The non-profit group's spokesperson, Sonia Siwa, said a total of 26 people took part in the cleanup: 13 Kinpachi Restaurant staff and 13 members of the Saipan Awaodori Group.

She said the large number of empty beer cans and Styrofoam containers collected along Paseo de Marianas was very surprising and she doubts majority of these were due to tourists.

"Trash collected are not all from tourists. Cigarette butts

we can understand [because] they will just throw [these trash] while they are walking."

Siwa is appealing to residents to keep Paseo de Marianas clean by properly disposing of their trash in receptacles found around the pedestrian mall.

"Hopefully those people standing by at the area, especially at the Paseo de Marianas, will bring their trash with them if they eat or drink and not just leave it on the benches at the Paseo de Marianas."

Siwa again thanked the Division of Environmental Quality for assisting PDM Promot-

ers in disposing of the trash they collected without fee at the transfer station.

PDM Promoters is community group known for its cultural dance group, the Saipan Awaodori Team, and for keeping the Paseo de Marianas spick and span throughout the year.

The group's monthly cleanups collect up to 1,000 lbs of trash during these drives. PDM Promoters' monthly cleanup of the Garapan landmark is supported by its major sponsors, TSL Foundation, DFS Galleria Saipan, and Docomo Pacific. (Mark Rabago)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCA board meeting on Nov. 19

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Nov. 13, from 7pm to 1am
- Nov. 14, from 4am to 7am and 7pm 11:55pm
- Nov. 15, from 4am to 7am and 9am to 5pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

MHS to issue report cards for Q1

To all parents and legal guardians of the Mighty Dolphins of Marianas High School: We will be distributing the 1st Quarter Report Card to the students on Friday, Nov. 15, 2013. There will be regular class schedule on that day, which means students will be released at 3pm. If you have any questions, call the Main Office at 237-3206/5. (MHS)

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Nov. 21

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Common-

wealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Open auditions for FOA production

Auditions are open for singers of all ages who wish to participate in the Friends of the Arts' Christmas presentation *A Christmas Wish*. The program will be a musical variety show with a Christmas theme. Singers, male and female, all ages, of all voice ranges are encouraged to audition.

Auditions are being held at the MHS Dolphin Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 11 and 12, between 6pm and 7pm.

We hope you join the Friends of the Arts in celebrating the season. Come and audition. Share your talent with the community. (FOA)

John Gonzales LIVE schedule this week

John Gonzales LIVE will be tackling the proposed U.S. militarization of Pagan Island on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on MCV Channel 14. Guests will be officers of the Northern Marianas Descent Corp., a non-profit group advocating for the indigenous rights and preservation of the cultural homeland of Northern Marianas descents.

Viewers can participate by calling (287-4230), texting (285-META) (6382), OR e-mailing (johngonzaleslive@gmail.com).

The program will be replayed on Nov. 18 and 19, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on MCV Channel 14. John Gonzales LIVE is also streamed on Betelnut Radio (www.betelnutradio.com). (PR)

Marines prepare for Forager Fury II on Tinian

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Approximately 100 Marines with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, arrived Nov. 6, 2013, at Tinian's West Field as part of exercise Forager Fury II.

The joint exercise is designed to employ and assess combat power generation in a deployed and austere environment.

Marines are scheduled to hone necessary skills by improving portions of Tinian's infrastructure. These skills include but are not limited to critical thinking and heavy-equipment operations. Due to the austere terrain on Tinian, Marines are able to achieve a more realistic level of training than other locations in the Asia-Pacific region.

"North Field is where we are clearing runways as well as taxi ways," said 1st Lt. Robert Litvin, Tinian's North and West Fields camp commandant for Forager Fury II with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171. "We're clearing them in order to bring in a C-130, plus there is historical value to this. As well, our [heavy equipment] operators, who are heavily involved in this, are getting a lot of stick time on their equipment."

Marines cleared areas near the North and West Fields in anticipation of moving most of their equipment from its staged location at the Tinian port facilities to its designated exercise locale.

In the opening stages of any large-scale military exercise, supervision is critical to ensuring mission success.

"What I'm doing on the deck now is just ensuring all the local governmental agreements, environmental agreements and public affair type matters are being attended to in order to get Forager Fury II started off on the right foot," said Lt. Col. Bill Sheridan, the executive officer



Marines unload cargo at Tinian's International airport Nov. 6, 2013, during the opening stages of exercise Forager Fury II. The gear, along with the Marines, was transported to bivouac sites across the island further set up.

of Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st MAW, III MEF.

"This is a MAG-12 run exercise that incorporates units from around the MEF. So it's not just wing units, though it consists predominantly of wing elements. We've got some other ground units from the MEF that are participating and external agencies such as Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1."

Forager Fury II provides a unique opportunity for multiple units to use various locations to help ensure optimal training is conducted.

"Forager Fury II allows us to combine all those assets into a large-scale expeditionary exercise," said Sheridan. "We'll be operating on Guam, Tinian, Pagan, and [Farallon De Medinilla] as well as within the Mariana Island Range Complex. It al-

lows us to do both air-to-ground and air-to-air training, exercise the capabilities of MAG-12 operations, center and allows us to incorporate [MWSS-171] to be able to conduct aviation ground support to sustain expeditionary operations for our wing."

Marines on Tinian continue to establish exercise support capabilities and prepare training sites for further units scheduled to arrive early December.



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Marines establish self-staining water purification system

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS—Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 assembled and operated a tactical water purification system at a beach area on Tinian on Nov. 6, 2013, to provide clean water for Marines participating in exercise Forager Fury II.

The TWPS arrived to Tinian aboard a cargo vessel on Nov. 4, 2013, and is currently staged where water purification Marines can easily attend to the mission essential asset.

The Marines are with MWSS-171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"We are setting up a tactical water purification system so we can purify any source of water," said Lance Cpl. Dean



Lance Cpl. Dean O. Barrett, from San Diego, Calif., gathers accurate readings using a tactical water purification system Nov. 6, 2013, to determine the chemicals needed to properly purify seawater around a beach area on Tinian during exercise Forager Fury II.

O. Barrett a water purification technician from Sacramento, Calif., with the squadron. "[With] the salt water we are using now, we can purify 1,200 gallons per hour. If we were using fresh water out of a lake, we could do 1,500. We can always make those numbers a little higher depending on what chemicals we use."

The process by which the water is purified is known as reverse osmosis.

"There are a series of filters that the water runs through at high pressure, those filters purify the water and that is our RO [reverse osmosis] system," said Barrett.

Considering the TWPS is the sole source of purified water for the Marines on Tinian, FFII provides the water purification Marines a venue to hone their skills on a large scale.

"We are purifying salt water from the ocean that the Marines are going to use to drink

and stay hydrated as well as take showers," said Sgt. Canaan M. Stanley, a water purification technician with the squadron and native of Albion, Ind. "If water is needed for the exercise, it is coming from us."

The purified water goes through a complicated system of filters before it is considered suitable for use.

"We put a hose out far enough to where it is at a depth of three feet," said Stanley. "The water is pulled in through the pumps and into the TWPS where the water goes through the microfiltration filters, and that is where the filtration process takes place. Then the clean water is distributed into bladders and that is where it is stored until it is picked up."

With FFII commencing soon, Marines currently on Tinian have paved the way for the main element to hit the ground running upon its arrival.

AFTER LOSING \$375K IN PREVIOUS LOAN OFFER

Bank offers new \$2M–\$10M loan to CUC

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Rhode Island-based Independence Bank is offering a new \$2 million to \$10 million loan to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., even after losing \$375,000 in time and legal fees in a previous \$10 million loan offer that CUC later did not pursue at the advice of the Office of the Attorney General.

Michael C. Sammartino, Independence Bank director

for business development, indicated the new loan offer in a letter last week to House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chair Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

"Independence Bank would welcome the opportunity to work with the CUC, and make a loan, anywhere between \$2 million-\$10 million. Of course, we need to re-underwrite the loan, and determine if repayment ability still exists, and we need the USDA to re-approve. A smaller loan may be suitable

at this time," Sammartino told Deleon Guerrero.

This comes at a time when CUC is planning to raise its power rates for five months to fund a pipeline replacement project, to comply with federal mandates.

Lawmakers, including Deleon Guerrero, vowed to oppose

» Independence Bank ties defeat of previous \$10M loan offer to SDLLC's \$190M deal

CUC's proposed power rate increase and are instead offering to help CUC find other ways to fund the pipeline project, including reprogramming, direct ap-

propriation, and bank loan.

Moreover, lawmakers said CUC should reimburse its customers for extra charges totaling \$800,000 up to nearly a million that CUC earlier imposed purportedly to repay a \$10 million loan that CUC later did not pursue with Independence Bank.

CUC earlier sought the 17th Legislature's approval of a \$10 million loan with Independence Bank to fund projects related to a federal consent decree.

After securing the Legislature's approval and a USDA guarantee, CUC—upon con-

sultation with OAG then under former attorney general Edward Buckingham—dropped the loan. However, it continued to charge CUC customers extra, even though the loan did not materialize.

Sammartino, in his letter to the House PUTC chair, said after the previous \$10 million loan was approved, "the CNMI Attorney General refused to sign off, and declared there was no repayment ability for the loan. This of course was not true—we do not approve loans that do not have repayment ability; nor does USDA."

He then connected the botched \$10 million loan to

Buckingham and former governor Benigno R. Fitial's signing of a \$190.8 million power purchase agreement with SDLLC, which was one of the issues that led to the impeachment and later resignation of Fitial.

"This was done so that the attorney general could proceed with his new power plant deal with SDLLC. The attorney general knew that they could not proceed with SDLLC if my bank had a loan, as we would have placed liens on the CUC assets," Sammartino told the House PUTC chair.

Deleon Guerrero, along with his Senate counterpart, plans to

meet with CUC on its proposed power rate increase, among other issues.

Sammartino said to this day, he does not know why the AG was involved in the previous loan deal when CUC, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, USDA, the CNMI Legislature, and then lieutenant governor and now Gov. Eloy S. Inos approved and supported the previous loan.

"The attorney general had no basis to stand in the way. Nonetheless, it happened," he said.

Sammartino said Independence Bank worked on the previous \$10 million loan deal,

only for it to die.

He said Independence Bank lost \$375,000 in time and legal fees. Sammartino said all the fees were to be paid at loan closing from loan proceeds.

"Independence Bank did not charge the CUC anything upfront, and we lost \$375,000 in our time and legal fees," he told Deleon Guerrero.

Sammartino also noted CUC executive director Alan Fletcher's statement that CUC cannot get a loan "because CUC's assets are tied up in litigation by the SDLLC power plant contract."

"I am not sure what that means—how on earth did SDLLC get a lien on CUC's assets if they never performed?" he said, recommending that lawmakers get clarification on this matter.

'CNMI can't afford to lose in SDLLC lawsuit'

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Lawmakers were not surprised at all that Delaware-based Saipan Development LLC sued the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. last week over a botched \$190.8-million power purchase agreement, but they are putting their faith in the Office of the Attorney General, CUC, and the Inos administration to win the case.

SDLLC, through counsel William Fitzgerald, sued CUC for breach of express contract and implied-in-fact contract, among other things.

"SDLLC was not shy that they were considering suing CUC and they did file a lawsuit. But we need to be confident in our Office of the Attorney General, that it would be able to reason out and defend CUC and the CNMI," Senate Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chair Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune*.

Reyes said this is a case that should be easy for CUC, through the OAG, to win.

"We need to be optimistic," Reyes added.

Lawmakers cited Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas' opinion declaring that former AG Edward Buckingham

was "mistaken" when the latter certified that the PPA with SDLLC was proper as to form and capacity.

San Nicolas also said former governor Benigno R. Fitial signed the PPA, relying on Buckingham's certification.

Fitial and Buckingham signed off on the 25-year PPA on Aug. 3, 2012, without most of the CNMI knowing about such a deal. Fitial was successfully impeached by the House early this year for corruption, neglect of duty and felony over a host of issues that included the signing of a sole-source \$190.8 million PPA with SDLLC. Fitial resigned days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) was also not surprised about SDLLC's lawsuit.

"I expected it. But this does show their real intent and interests. CNMI residents didn't ask for it. They just want to be paid some monies too in a way," Yumul said.

The senator added that he expects the OAG to successfully defend CUC.

"I expect them to do so, especially since the AG [San Nicolas] had made a legal comment stating [the PPA is] null and void," Yumul added.

House and Senate members

adopted early this year a resolution urging Gov. Eloy S. Inos to support and concur with AG San Nicolas' opinion on the PPA.

House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), former chair of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's PUTC Committee, separately said it wasn't a surprise that SDLLC sued CUC; "after all, they executed a PPA with the former AG and the former governor."

"It's plain and clear that no one can enter into a contract [for utilities] without CUC itself. I believe the former governor acted erroneously with regard to this matter. The new AG, San Nicolas, said the former governor didn't have the authority to enter into an agreement with SDLLC," Dela Cruz said.

He also believes that Gov. Eloy S. Inos is well aware of the issues at stake.

"My gut feeling is that the CNMI, or CUC, will win this case. We cannot afford to lose this. So much is at stake if we lose this. There would be huge rate increases," Dela Cruz added.

Reyes, meanwhile, also said that quantum meruit does not even apply in this case.

Quantum meruit is a Latin phrase meaning "as much as he deserved," the actual value of

services performed. Quantum meruit determines the amount to be paid for services when no contract exists or when there is doubt as to the amount due for the work performed but done under circumstances when payment could be expected.

Reyes reiterated that the OAG can easily win the case.

"The \$190 million PPA is a bad deal. I hope our AG can do something to get this [lawsuit] out of the way. The CNMI's economy is on its way to recovery and we don't need this kind of bothersome problem. This should be laid to rest. No one was harmed except the CNMI," Reyes added.

SDLLC asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to award the company damages for its reliance on the CUC promise, and the amount incurred while evaluating, negotiating, and preparing to perform under the PPA to build a power plant.

SDLLC said by reason of CUC's wrongful repudiation of the PPA on the basis that Fitial lacked authority to execute the PPA, SDLLC has been damaged and is entitled to damages for its reliance on CUC's promise.

CUC remains under a state of emergency, and remains under the control of the governor through the CUC executive director.

MHS forensic league team shines in Oct. competition

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The Marianas High School National Forensic League Team recently gave an outstanding performance, with its members ruling the October NFL competition at Saipan Southern High School.

The team, composed of 20 students, had 12 first place finishers; 10 second placers; and 15 third placers.

MHS had the largest contingent at the National Forensic League—the first event for the school year. The next competition round is slated for Nov. 16.

While pleased with the results, the team noted that the competition will get tougher as the year goes on. MHS expressed its appreciation to SSSH for hosting the event.

Saipan Tribune learned that the MHS-NFL Team began their preparation with a team-organized weeklong workshop in August.

The following are the team members and their respective winning places during the October NFL competition:

For dramatic interpretation: Jayrald Mercene (2nd); Jaydene Ermitanio (3rd); Lalaine Santomia (5th); Ariane Reyes (3rd).

For humorous interpretation: Robert Jomar Malate (1st); Yuuki Nishida (2nd); Bruce Li (3rd); Jaydene Ermitanio (5th); John Huevas (2nd); Charlene Lubong (3rd); Aurora David (4th).

For original oratory: Bruce Li (1st); Scarlet Yi Jun Chen (3rd); Nesanne Mae Tam (4th); Maria Theresa Dizon (3rd); Mary Grace Tiglaio (4th).

For US/Foreign extemporaneous: Ann Margaret Norcio (3rd); Masrur Alam (1st).

For commentary: Ann Margaret Norcio (1st); Alam Mobtasim (2nd); Masrur Alam (5th).

For impromptu: Robert Jomar Malate (2nd); Scarlet Yi Jun Chen (3rd); Alam Mobtasim (5th); Aurora David (3rd); Bruce Li (5th).

For storytelling: Robert Jomar Malate (1st); Angel Paminluan (3rd); Charlene Lubong (1st).

For expository: Bruce Li emerged (3rd).

For prose: Anathalia David (2nd); Ariane Reyes (3rd); Maria Francine Fleming (5th); Robert Jomar Malate (1st); Jayrald Mercene (2nd); Lalaine Santomia (4th); Jaydene Ermitanio (1st); and Maria Theresa Dizon (4th).

For poetry reading: Yuuki Nishida (1st); Ann Margaret Norcio (2nd); Anathalia David (4th); John Huevas (5th); Angel Paminluan (1st); Lalaine Santomia (4th); Nesanne Mae Tam (5th); Aurora David (4th); Maria Theresa Dizon (5th); and Jaydene Ermitanio (3rd).

For duo interpretation: Yuuki Nishida (1st); Jayrald Mercene (1st); Ann Margaret Norcio (2nd); John Huevas (2nd); Ariane Reyes (3rd); and Maria Francine Fleming (3rd).



KHS JROTC CLEANS KAGMAN STREETS

The entire Ayuyu Battalion JROTC cadets spent one afternoon policing up the main streets of their community. Cadets collected over 300 lbs of trash that took over three hours. They earned a community service ribbon and received credit for service hours for high school graduation requirements.

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Okinawa-Palau Friendship Club visits Palau college



Palau Community College president Dr. Patrick U. Tellei poses with members of the Okinawa-Palau Friendship Club.

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Led by chairman Junichi Tanaka and accompanied by Dr. Minoru Ueki, the Okinawa Palau Friendship Club visited the campus of Palau Community College on Friday, Sept. 27, 2013. The members of the club met with PCC president Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.

This year marks the club's

34th visit to Palau as a renewal of the friendship they share with the island.

The delegation included Yumiko Imaizumi, Tomiko Kobayashi, Masashi Nagata, Inzio Zenzo, and lecturer Dr. Shingo Iitaka. Tanaka and Ueki were schoolmates at the Daichi Palau Elementary School.

During their meeting with Tellei, the Okinawa-Palau Friendship Club presented the school with a certificate of appreciation as well as \$500 to the PCC Endowment Fund. The club also donated a book titled *50 Years of the Postwar Era* as an expression of their gratitude for the assistance provided by

the college and its willingness to host the Daichi Palau Elementary School monument.

PCC is a significant site in the histories of both Palau and Japan. The PCC campus was the site of the national hospital as well as an elementary school during the Japanese administration.



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Photo of the Daichi Palau Elementary School monument sent by the Okinawa-Palau Friendship Club to acknowledge the educational history of Palau Community College.

Tellei thanked the Okinawa-Palau Friendship Club for their support to the college. He also vowed to continue work-

ing closely with the group as a means of strengthening the relationship between the club and the local community. (PCC)

HSC-25 corpsmen gain SAR certifications

ASAN, Guam—Search and Rescue corpsmen from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 honed critical skills and gained certifications necessary to respond to future emergency calls during a multi-patient mass casualty exercise in Yigo, Guam, on Nov. 7.

Flying with the squadron, SAR corpsmen provide a piv-

otal role to HSC-25 by administering emergency medical support such as basic first aid, intravenous injections, oxygen monitoring, shock therapy, and advanced cardio life support during rescue operations in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"We provide patient trans-

port for civilian and active-duty patients for anyone in need from the local islands and take them to hospitals for additional care," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Robert Riley, SAR medical technician with HSC-25. "We are the primary unit the region that provides this type of service, not just SAR,

but medevacs as well."

During the scenario, Riley acted an observer and scorekeeper, ensuring that all necessary skill sets and training requirements were practiced and performed to the level necessary to obtain the SMT certifications.

"We are trained a little dif-

ferently from traditional Navy corpsman," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Paul Burden, an SMT with HSC-25 and facilitator in the exercise. "We have additional advanced care training in addition to first aid."

SMT personnel receive an additional year of training, which also includes aviation training and water survival training. This year, HSC-25 crewmen have responded to

18 searches, 16 medical evacuations and seven rescues, with a total of 30 people saved from perilous situations.

"The corpsmen are always the first ones out of the helicopter and they come from a long tradition of watching out for, and taking care of others first, regardless of risk to themselves," said Capt. Larry Wright, commanding officer, HSC-25. (PR)



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Paul Burden dresses simulated wounds suffered by Airman 1st Class Eboni Dunbar during a Search and Rescue corpsman training exercise in Yigo, Guam, Nov. 7.

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Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Paul Burden, left, of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, attends to Airmen Dijonae Bates during a simulated mass casualty exercise in Yigo, Guam, Nov. 7. The training exercise facilitated earning certifications for corpsmen being qualified to receive emergency distress calls from people in need.

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Judge Camacho marks his second year on the bench

»Earns the moniker 'Judge Maximum'

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho marked yesterday his second year on the bench, capped with several courtroom and outside courtroom accomplishments, and the monikers "Judge Maximum," "Hanging Judge," and "Hammer Joe" because of his reputation for rejecting lenient plea deals and imposing maximum sentences on repeat offenders.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of the CNMI," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* as he thanked the court staff, justices, and judges for their assistance and support during his second year on the bench.

He expressed a special remembrance for his former courtroom clerk, Roxanne M. Weaver, who passed away earlier this year.

Then-governor Benigno R. Fitial appointed Camacho to the bench on Nov. 10, 2011.

In the courtroom, Camacho built upon the foundation he established during his first year as judge.

Attorneys have come to appreciate the procedures he has implemented in the first year—such as a streamlined jury selection process and reading jury instructions at the beginning of the cases so ju-

rors are well-informed of their duties and responsibilities before the trial begins.

Camacho said they are now in-line with the national average of completing jury trials in three days, unlike in the past when trials would take a week or more.

Camacho said he is a believer of the saying "Justice delayed is justice denied." He said people deserve to get the justice they need expeditiously.

In the past, cases would languish for one to three years before going to trial.

Now, Camacho said, parties are able to have their day in court in about six months.

Repeat offenders should not be surprised when Camacho rejects lenient plea agreements and imposes the full maximum sentence.

"The people deserve a safe community," said the judge, who is feared by habitual offenders whenever he bangs the 10-lb stainless steel gavel presented him by his brothers as a birthday gift.

Many lawyers call him "Judge Maximum" or "Hanging Judge" while confidential informants of police officers refer to him as "Hammer Joe" or "The Hammer."

Camacho also has been holding probationers accountable, rejecting their excuses that fines cannot be paid because they are



Camacho

not working.

"If you cannot pay it off, then you have to work it off as community-work service. Pay it off or work it off but you will do something," he said.

Outside the courtroom, he is chairman of the CNMI Criminal Justice Information System, chairman of the Small Claims Rules Committee, involved with the Jr. High Mock Trial program, and had been invited to sit as a justice-pro tem in the CNMI Supreme Court on a number of appeals.

As chairman of the CNMI Criminal Justice Information System, Camacho initiated a procurement process to get this project. The old model of housing a computer server in the Judiciary was scraped as obsolete, costing millions of dollars.

Working within limited funding, Camacho and the committee opted for a "cloud" model of linking all the CNMI law enforcement agencies and CNMI courts.

"It's a closed-cyber universe so only member agencies and departments can view and share each other's database," he said.

For example, Camacho said, the Department of Public Safety knows if the court issues an arrest warrant on a particular person, or the court knows if a newly arrested person at the Department of Corrections needs a

court hearing.

This project, the judge said, is the collective effort of many people so the credit goes to all of them, with a special recognition for Bel Busby for "all her hard work with the project."

As chairman of the Small Claims Rules Committee, Camacho and the committee completed the modernization of the Small Claims Rules and the revision of a user-friendly small claims forms.

"This is important because during these hard economic times, more people are using small claims to recover monies that are owed them," he said.

The mock trial program, on the other hand, was able to involve three schools from Rota and one school from Tinian this year. Also, ChaCha Junior High participated for the first time. Camacho said it is a wonderful success when all three islands are involved in the program.

Sitting as a justice-pro tem in the CNMI Supreme Court, Camacho said the high court is the final authority in the interpretation of the CNMI Constitution.

Camacho said as a trial judge, it is important to ensure that the Supreme Court's written decisions are clear and provide guidance to the lower courts because it is the trial courts that must implement the Supreme Court's mandate.

"Clear decisions make for clear actions," the judge said.

Dogs running loose are not the only ones at risk

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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Jenny," her husband, "Bob," and their three dogs live with my husband and me in our home. We live on a fairly busy road. The dogs used to always be leashed when they were taken out. They have now made a habit of letting the dogs out without leashes.

This frightens me. Not only am I concerned about one of the dogs getting hit by a car, but also any legal ramifications if they cause damage to others. I have spoken to my daughter about it, but nothing has changed.

Abby, what can we do to make Jenny and Bob responsible for any damages incurred by their actions? One last note—one of their dogs WAS hit by a car and had a long, painful recovery with a very expensive vet bill.

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DEAR OUT OF IDEAS: You have a right to be concerned. Contact your attorney and your insurance broker to find out what the fallout could be for you as homeowners because of your daughter and son-in-law's laziness and carelessness.

Responsible dog owners keep their pets leashed so they won't be hurt by running into traffic or biting a child or an adult they don't recognize as a friend. If your daughter and S.I.L. can't abide by your wishes and behave responsibly, they shouldn't be living under your roof.

P.S. This isn't just about the dogs and liability; it's also about respect for you.

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DEAR ABBY: A couple of years ago, my extended family found a fun, all-inclusive solution to the grumbling (and expense) of preparing the holiday meal.

Each family is assigned a portion of the meal they are going to prepare. For fun, it has to be a recipe that has never been tried before so no one can fret that it isn't made like Grandma used to make it. The person holding the party coordinates kitchen time, but to be honest, everybody enjoys helping each other out, and the cooks spend most of their time chatting.

We have tried wonderful variations to the traditional turkey, enjoyed an awesome pie straight from the Renaissance, and learned that we will never again try oyster stuffing. Because the recipes are untried, no one feels bad if the dish isn't perfect, and we have tried things we were surprised we liked.

Most important, we do it together and spend the day laughing, talking and catching up, and no one has to be a slave to the day. Hope this will give other people ideas.

SCOTT IN BALTIMORE

DEAR SCOTT: So do I, because your family has captured the true spirit of the holiday season, which is too often lost because of the pressure people put on themselves to achieve perfection.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and his sister had a falling out after their parents died and haven't spoken for a few years. My husband is very stubborn and holds grudges.

He is very ill now. I have asked him if he wants to tell his sister about his illness, and he says no. I'm not sure how much longer he has left.

I am thinking about going against his wishes and calling her in the hopes that they can make peace. Your thoughts?

NOT MUCH TIME LEFT

DEAR NOT MUCH TIME LEFT: Depending upon how deep the rift between them is, I do think you should make a confidential phone call and tell her it might be a good idea to call her brother. If she does, the conversation could be healing for both of them. However, if she chooses to ignore the situation, the choice will have been hers, and no harm will have been done.

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DEAR READERS: Today, Veterans Day, I would like to thank not only all of you who have honorably served our country, but also those men and women who are on active duty for your service as well. I salute each and every one of you.

ABBY

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Paskong Pinoy lookalike tilt still looking for participants

Do you look like a celebrity? Now is your chance to finally make some cash just because you look like somebody famous.

The United Filipino Organization, the umbrella group of Filipino organizations on Saipan, will be holding a lookalike contest during its 2013 Paskong Pinoy event on Dec. 14 at the Garapan Central Park.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said only one contestant has so far signed up for their "Kalookalike" contest, which is modeled after a popular segment in ABS-CBN's *Showtime*.

She said at least eight contestants are needed before they can green-light the holding of the contest.

Kalookalike, which has a talent portion, will also be having pre-screening on Nov. 17 from 2pm to 4pm at Don Pedro Restaurant in Garapan next to Gene's Barbershop.

Adaza said prizes at stake in the contest are \$500, \$300, and \$200 for first, second, and third place, respectively. The contest is open to all ages.

The 2013 Paskong Pinoy, which will be from 2pm to 10pm on Dec. 14, will also have a lantern-making contest and a Christmas singing competition for adults and children.

Adaza said UFO will also be offering several children's games, raffle drawings, and Philippine cultural dances.

Docomo Pacific will once again be the major sponsor for Paskong Pinoy this year.

For registration for any of the contests, call Nelle Atalg at 233-3854 or 989-3858.

Vendors wanting to rent a booth during Pistang Pinoy can call Flor Miranda at 785-978 or Lynn Dela Cruz at 789-8386. Tent rental for food is \$40, while non-food vendors are charged \$30.

Those who want to perform, meanwhile, can call Min-da Castro at 235-4286. UFO is also inviting more sponsors and donors to support the 2013 Pistang Pinoy event.

For any inquiry, contact Adaza at 483-5237 or UFO secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021. (Mark Rabago)



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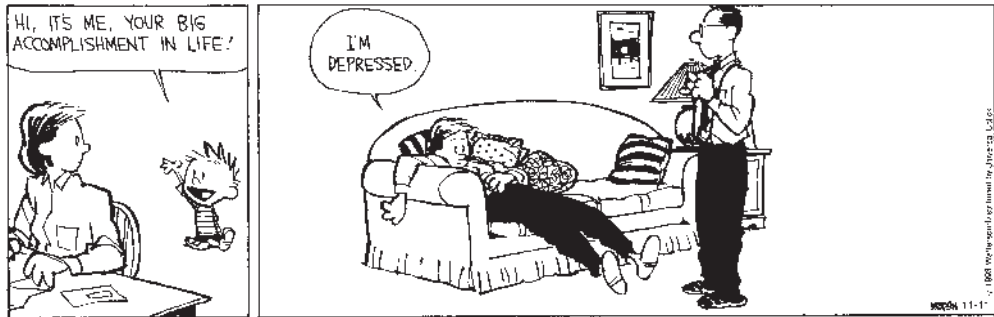
CROWNING MOMENT

Saipan-born-and-raised Yvette Bennett waves to the crowd after being crowned as the 2014 Miss Idaho USA Beauty Pageant on Nov. 3, 2013, at the Nampa Civic Center in Canyon County, Idaho.

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By Bill Waterson



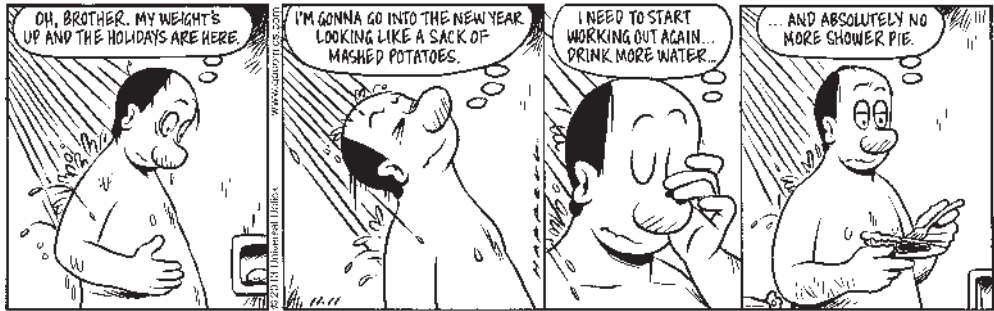
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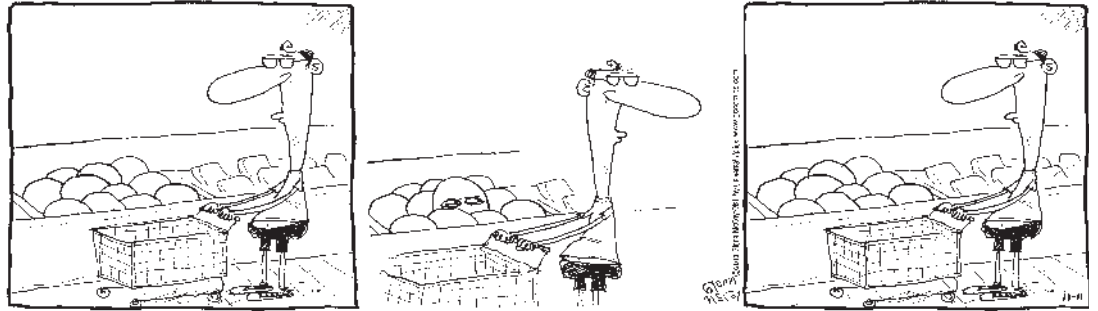
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Leonardo DiCaprio, 39; Calista Flockhart, 49; Demi Moore, 51; Stanley Tucci, 53.

Happy Birthday: Let your creativity flow and your mind wander. Travel to places that inspire you and hang out with the people who have something to offer in return. Love is on the rise, and long-term partnerships will take a favorable turn. Take the initiative and make your home your sanctuary. Don't disrupt your financial goals. Put cost-effective plans into motion. Your numbers are 2, 13, 20, 29, 31, 35, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider how you can get the most for the least. Budget wisely and look for bargains. Having too much of anything will not end well for you. Live within your means emotionally, financially and physically. Size up whatever situation you face and make a calculated move. ***

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid discussions or being forced to deal with personal situations if you need more time to digest. You don't have to make a decision because someone is pressuring you. Take a time out to breathe and consider your options. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work from home or use your imagination to make your space unique and geared toward greater productivity. Express your feelings and share your intentions with someone special. Professional gains can be made if you take action. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Proceed with caution when traveling or expressing your opinions. Emotional confusion due to a lack of understanding or not exposing pertinent information will set you back. Focus on what you can do for others in order to get what you want in return. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Concentrate on getting ahead by exercising moneymaking projects. Your tenacity and insight will turn you into the go-to person. Added responsibilities may be a burden at first, but in the end you will reap the rewards for your due diligence. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hide your feelings. Refuse to let anyone push you in an undesirable direction. You favor change that you bring about on your own, not what is forced upon you. Offer concise information and carry on in the direction that suits you best. ***

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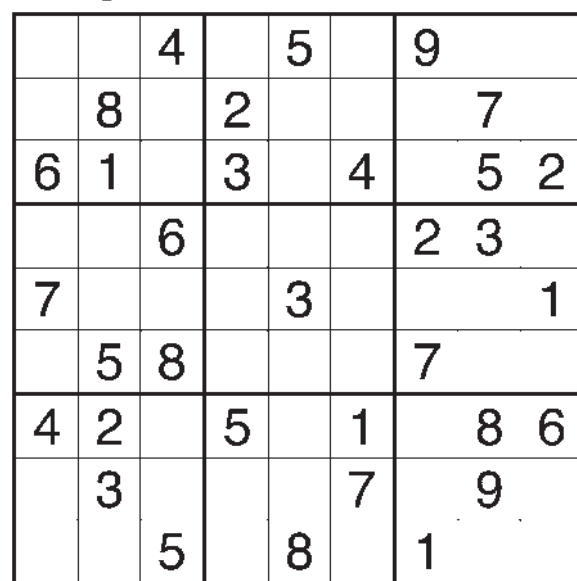
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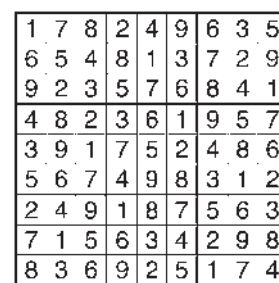


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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer



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By DAVID OUELLET

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)
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Dolphins fend off questions about harassment case

DAVIE, Fla. (AP)—The latest allegations from tackle Jonathan Martin went mostly unanswered Saturday by the Miami Dolphins, weary of fending off questions about the harassment case that has rocked the franchise.

"I'm not going to give you nothing," offensive lineman Nate Garner told a throng of reporters in a genial tone.

"I'm only talking about football," center Mike Pouncey said.

"We have a game on Monday," defensive end Cameron Wake added. "I'm not thinking about anybody that's not in this locker room, and that's the truth."

The Dolphins creating all the attention this week aren't with the team. Martin left last week and alleges he was harassed by teammates, including guard Richie Incognito, who has been suspended.

On Saturday night, Fox Sports released a preview of an interview with Incognito.

"This isn't an issue about bullying," Incognito told Fox. "This is an issue of my and John's relationship. You can ask anyone in the Miami Dolphins' locker room who had Jon Martin's back the absolute most and they'll undoubtedly tell you me."

"All this stuff coming out, it speaks to the culture of our locker room, it speaks to culture of our closeness, it speaks to the culture of our brotherhood. The racism, the bad words, that's what I regret most, but that's a product of the environment. That's something that we use all the time."

Without Incognito and Martin, Miami (4-4) will be short-handed for Monday night's game at Tampa Bay (0-8), but blocking and tackling will offer a brief respite from the relentless revelations in the bullying scandal.

"The pressure this has created



Miami Dolphins head coach Joe Philbin looks down during a media availability following an NFL football practice, Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, in Davie, Fla.

from a media standpoint can really cause some problems," tackle Tyson Clabo said. "But as far as the guys in this locker room, we all pretty much see this thing through the same set of eyes. We're ready to go and try to change the narrative here to get back to football."

Martin, who's in counseling for emotional issues, will discuss the case late next week with a special investigator hired by the NFL. Allegations by the second-year pro include a malicious physical attack by a teammate.

"Since I've been here I haven't seen anything like that," said Clabo, who joined the Dolphins in May.

Incognito has long been known for out-of-bounds behavior, including a May 2012 incident that surfaced this week. A police report said a female volunteer at a Dolphins charity golf tournament complained that Incognito harassed her.

"We were made aware of the incident and we took immediate action," coach Joe Philbin said.

"That's all I'm going to say. ... Any club action we would take against any player would be kept private."

Philbin declined to say why he subsequently allowed Incognito to become a member of the player leadership council.

Media interest remained high Saturday, with some 75 reporters and cameramen descending on the team complex. Half a dozen TV vans camped out across the street from the entrance, monitoring comings and goings.

Adding to the commotion was a caravan of two dozen police motorcycles that pulled into the parking ramp adjacent to the practice field. They weren't on scandal watch - President Obama happened to playing golf across the street.

XVikings' Simpson arrested on suspicion of DWI

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Jerome Simpson was released from jail Saturday on \$12,000 bond, about seven hours after he was arrested overnight on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, a trooper responded to a report of a stalled vehicle in the lane on Interstate Highway 394 heading west out of downtown Minneapolis. As Simpson got out of a red Dodge Charger, the trooper observed him with watery eyes and slightly slurred speech. Simpson said he was at the Pour House, a popular bar nearby, but denied that he'd been drinking.

After Simpson took field sobriety tests, according to the State Patrol report, he was arrested at 4:03 a.m. local time. Simpson was booked about an hour and a half later at the Hennepin County jail, where he refused to take a breath test. According to the county's online record, Simpson was released at 12:52 p.m.

The Vikings beat Washington on Thursday, so players have the weekend off. The Vikings issued a statement acknowledging their awareness of the situation.

"We are continuing to gather information and will have fur-

Players stretched at the start of practice to the sounds of "Me Against the World" by Tupac, a song chosen for the occasion by the players. "Stuck in the game," Tupac rapped. "No one in the world loves me. ... So no matter how hard it get, stick your chest out. Keep your head up and handle it."

The Dolphins haven't played since Oct. 31, when they beat Cincinnati on an overtime safety in prime time just as the scandal was beginning to build. That victory was quickly forgotten.

"We don't hear anything about winning last week on a safety," cornerback Brent Grimes said with a laugh. "We just went right into this. The situation stinks."

In a locker room that was already showing signs of dissension, the situation's potentially divisive.

"It can be," defensive tackle Randy Starks said. "But right now we're sticking together."

"We're a band of brothers," Pouncey said. "We're here for one thing, and that's to play football and to win football games, and that has been our main focus since all of this has gone down."

Players have been more vocal in their support of Incognito than Martin, but Clabo said there's plenty of sympathy for both. It's uncertain whether either will play again in the NFL.

"Those guys are going through a lot right now," Clabo said. "I feel for both of them and the situation they're in. It can't be easy for either one of them. It's not fun."

ther comment at the appropriate time," the statement said.

Simpson is on his second one-year contract with the team after playing his first three NFL seasons in Cincinnati. There, he spent 15 days in jail for a felony drug conviction tied to a 2 1/2-pound marijuana shipment to his home in Kentucky, where authorities said they found another pound of the drug inside the house in September 2011. His sentence included three years of probation.

The NFL suspended him for three games last year for violating the league's substance abuse policy. League spokesman Randall Liu said Saturday that Simpson's case will be reviewed.

Simpson leads the Vikings with 491 yards receiving this season, but the 27-year-old has yet to score a touchdown in 21 regular-season games with the team. His productivity this year is the primary reason coaches have cited for their minimal use of first-round draft pick Cordarrelle Patterson.

Patterson, who had his first career scoring reception in the 34-27 victory over the Redskins on Thursday, plays the same split end spot as Simpson.

The Vikings (2-7) play next at the Seattle Seahawks on Nov. 17.

Broncos coach John Fox released from hospital

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—John Fox is out of the hospital, and the rest of the Denver Broncos are feeling better as well.

"Great news today," interim coach Jack Del Rio said Friday in announcing Fox's release from the hospital four days after undergoing heart surgery in Charlotte, N.C. "I know that he's excited to get out, is one step closer to getting back with us."

Del Rio said Fox was resting at his offseason home in Charlotte, where he'll continue his recovery and begin cardio rehab soon.

Fox had his aortic valve replaced at the Carolinas Health-Care System's Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute in Charlotte on Monday, two days after becoming dizzy while playing golf during the Broncos' bye.

Fox had hoped to put off the procedure until the offseason, but his cardiologist, Dr.

Geoff Rose, and heart surgeon, Dr. Mark Stiegel, determined he could no longer push back the surgery after he fell ill over the weekend.

Fox said in a statement released by the team that his recovery is progressing well - "I'm feeling better and stronger each day" - and he'll continue meeting with his doctors, "who will clear me to return to Denver when the time is right."

He said it'll be difficult not to be at the game Sunday when the Broncos (7-1) visit the Chargers (4-4).

"Although I'm eager to return to coaching, my No. 1 focus is my health. I believe in our players and have full confidence in Jack Del Rio and our staff," Fox said. "While it's extremely difficult to be away from the team on Sunday in San Diego, I'll be cheering them on from home just like the many Broncos fans who have supported me throughout this process."

Players say Fox's tribulations have galvanized them.

"We're just excited to hear that he's doing well. He'll be back soon and we just have to go out there and play through him, play for him," defensive captain Wesley Woodyard said. "He wants to be here with us. This is his hometown we're going back to, so it'll be a big victory if we pull this one off."

Del Rio informed the team of Fox's release from the hospital Friday morning.

"Once you get out of the hospital, that pretty much means that they're saying you're good and the process went well," cornerback Chris Harris said.

Tight end Jacob Tamme said the first step of getting discharged from the hospital is always a big leap.

"We know he's still got a lot of recovery left to do but that's definitely a great thing," Tamme said. "I know when you get to go home, that's always a positive."



Pacers beat Nets to improve NBA-best start to 7-0



NEW YORK (AP)—Paul George scored 24 points and the Indiana Pacers improved the NBA's only undefeated record and the best start in franchise history to 7-0 by beating the Brooklyn Nets 96-91 Saturday night.

David West added 18 points and hit the clinching free throws for the Pacers, who had won their first six games in 1970-71, when they played in the ABA. They have the longest winning streak to open an NBA season since both the Lakers and New Orleans were 8-0 in 2010-11, according to STATS.

Roy Hibbert finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Lance Stephenson also scored 15 points.

Deron Williams and Joe Johnson each had 17 points for the Nets, who fell to 2-4 and lost at home for the first time this season. Brook Lopez scored 16 and Paul Pierce had 15.



Indiana Pacers small forward Paul George (24) drives to the net through Brooklyn Nets center Andray Blatche (0) and shooting guard Alan Anderson (6) during the second quarter of a NBA basketball game, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, at the Barclays Center in New York.

Celtics 111, Heat 110

In Miami, Jeff Green hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer and Boston beat Miami for its third straight win.

Gerald Wallace's pass found Green in the right corner, where he unleashed a shot over the outstretched hands of LeBron James. The shot was confirmed after a video review.

Wallace hit a layup with 1.6 seconds remaining and fouled Dwyane Wade with 0.6 seconds remaining. Wade missed the first free throw and deliberately bounced the second attempt off the backboard.

Green finished with 24 points and was 5 of 8 on 3-pointers. Avery Bradley scored 17 points and Jordan Crawford added 15 for the Celtics.

James led Miami with 25 points and 10 assists. Chris Bosh had 20 points and Wade finished with 18.

Cavaliers 127, 76ers 125, 20T

In Cleveland, Kyrie Irving scored a season-high 39 points and hit the winning layup with 0.6 seconds remaining in the second overtime

to lift Cleveland over Philadelphia.

The Cavaliers called time out after rookie Michael Carter-Williams' 3-pointer Irving tied the game with 11.3 seconds remaining in the second overtime. Irving, who missed potential game-winning shots at the end of regulation and the first overtime, took the inbounds pass, avoided a double team near the top of the key, drove the lane and scored on a left-handed lay-in.

Philadelphia called timeout, but Carter-Williams' inbounds pass went out of bounds.

Thaddeus Young's lay-in with 5.5 seconds remaining tied the game in regulation and Evan Turner's baseline drive tied it with 8.7 seconds left in the first overtime.

Turner led the Sixers with 31 points and Young had 29.

Clippers 107, Rockets 94

In Houston, Blake Griffin and J.J. Redick scored 22 points apiece and Los Angeles used an 18-0

run in the second half to rally for the victory over Houston.

Jamal Crawford had 16 points, Chris Paul added 14 points and 13 assists, and DeAndre Jordan had 12 points and 18 rebounds for the Clippers. Griffin had seven rebounds and Redick shot 8 for 15 from the field.

Los Angeles shot 14 for 23 on free throws, but just 9 for 24 on 3-pointers.

Dwight Howard had 21 points and eight rebounds for the Rockets, but was just 5 for 11 on free throws. Chandler Parsons added 23 points and eight rebounds, while Patrick Beverley scored 19 points.

James Harden, who was a game-time decision with a bruised left foot, had 12 points on 4-for-15 shooting.

Trail Blazers 96, Kings 85

In Sacramento, Calif., LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 points and 14 rebounds, Wesley Matthews scored 21 points, and Portland

beat Sacramento to earn its fourth win in five games.

Robin Lopez had 12 points and 14 rebounds and Nicolas Batum also scored 12 points to help the Blazers sweep the home-and-home series with the Kings. Portland also won at home, 104-91 Friday night.

DeMarcus Cousins had 15 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter and also grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Kings, who have lost five straight since beating Denver in the season-opener. Cousins had 35 points in Friday night's game in Portland.

Ben McLemore scored 13 points and Isaiah Thomas had 12 points for the Kings, who were outrebounded 52-33.

Raptors 115, Jazz 91

In Toronto, Tyler Hansbrough scored a season-high 23 points, DeMar DeRozan added 18 and Toronto snapped a seven-game home losing streak against Utah.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 14 points and Rudy Gay had

11 as the Raptors earned their first home victory over the Jazz since Dec. 22, 2004.

Raptors guard Kyle Lowry sprained his right ankle on the final play of the first half and did not return. He finished with nine points.

Playing for the fourth time in five days, struggling Utah was no match for a Raptors team that had lost four of its previous five, including three straight. Gordon Hayward scored 24 points and Derrick Favors had 17 for the Jazz.

Hawks 104, Magic 94

In Atlanta, Jeff Teague had 19 points and 13 assists and Paul Millsap scored 18 points with 11 rebounds to lead Atlanta past Orlando.

Arron Afflalo finished with 21 points for Orlando, which has dropped 15 straight on the road dating to March 4.

Mike Scott had 17 points in a reserve role for Atlanta and Al Horford scored 15 and Kyle

Korver added 14.

Korver made a 3 in his 79th consecutive game to surpass Dennis Scott and tie Michael Adams for second place on the NBA career list.

The Hawks have won nine straight over the Magic at Philips Arena.

Mavericks 91, Bucks 83

In Milwaukee, Monta Ellis got the best of his former team, shaking off boos from the crowd while contributing 18 points and five assists to help Dallas hold off Milwaukee.

Dirk Nowitzki had 16 points and Shawn Marion added 14 for the Mavericks, who blew a big first-half lead with sloppy offensive play.

O.J. Mayo had 28 points and Caron Butler added 19 for the Bucks, who were playing their second straight game without forward Larry Sanders. Mayo also was facing his former team.

It was the first time back since leaving Milwaukee for Ellis, who signed with Dallas as a free agent in the offseason after playing for the Bucks last season and a portion of the 2011-12 season

Grizzlies 108, Warriors 90

In Memphis, Tenn., Zach Randolph had 23 points and 11 rebounds, and six Memphis players reached double figures in the rout of Golden State.

Mike Conley added 20 points and six assists, Marc Gasol had 18 points and Memphis won its 10th straight over the Warriors. Mike Miller finished with 15 points, connecting on all but one of his five shots outside the 3-point arc.

Stephen Curry, who returned after missing Friday night's loss at San Antonio with a bruised left ankle, led the Warriors with 22 points. Andre Iguodala had 19 points, hitting 8 of 10 shots. David Lee finished with 13 points and nine rebounds before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Memphis dominated the inside game all night with a 54-18 advantage in the paint, outrebounding the Warriors 44-33.

Ex-major leaguer Offerman missing amid attack suit



HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Six years after attacking two opposing players with a bat during a minor league baseball game in Connecticut, ex-major leaguer Jose Offerman is nowhere to be found.

As a federal lawsuit over the attack heads to trial, the attorney for the journeyman catcher whose career was ended with a swing of Offerman's bat doesn't know where the two-time All-Star is—and doesn't expect him to show up for court.

J. Craig Smith, the attorney for former Bridgeport Bluefish catcher John Nathans, tried to

serve Offerman with discovery documents in recent months, with no success.

"It's been so difficult for me to track him down," Smith said. "I certainly don't expect Offerman to show up at court."

Offerman, 45, an All-Star infielder with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1995 and the Boston Red Sox in 1999, was playing for the minor league Long Island Ducks in August 2007 in a major league comeback bid when he was hit by a pitch and charged the pitcher's mound during a game against the Bluefish in Bridgeport.

He hit two Bluefish players, Nathans and pitcher Matt Beech, with the bat. Nathans

suffered a head injury that ended his career, and Beech broke the middle finger on his non-throwing hand.

Nathans filed a \$4.8 million lawsuit in 2009 against Offerman and the Ducks, a case that remains pending in federal court in Bridgeport. Jury selection and the trial were supposed to begin next week, but a judge delayed them to January and ordered the parties to attend a settlement conference on Dec. 5.

Lawyers in the case said they do not expect to reach a settlement before jury selection is scheduled to begin Jan. 7.

Smith said Offerman hasn't appeared at any of the court proceedings. Offerman is a citizen

of the Dominican Republic who has lived in the New York City area, including Queens.

A phone listing for Offerman could not be found. His lawyer in the lawsuit, Frank Riccio, who died in March, withdrew from the case in 2010, saying in a court document that Offerman refused to discuss the case with him and hadn't paid him.

Riccio's son, Bridgeport attorney Frank Riccio II, said Offerman apparently has been out of the country for some time, and he has not talked with him recently. Riccio said if Offerman ever returns, he'd likely represent him.

Even if Offerman doesn't show up to defend himself, a

trial will be held and he could be found liable for Nathans' injuries, Smith said.

Offerman was charged with felony assault after the attack, but was granted a probation program that resulted in the charges being dismissed. He was also ordered to get anger management treatment.

In 2010, Offerman was banned for life by the Dominican winter league for throwing a punch at an umpire during an argument while he was manager of the Licey Tigers. The suspension was revoked last year and Offerman is again part of the Licey coaching staff.

The Long Island Ducks deny any responsibility for Offer-

man's attack on Nathans and Beech. Their lawyer, Eileen Becker, declined to comment.

Nathans also declined to discuss the case. But Smith said he continues to cope with inner ear problems caused by the bat blow to his head, including nausea and dizziness. Despite those problems, Nathans was able to graduate from law school and is now an attorney in Portland, Maine.

"Some days are better than others, but it's not a problem that anyone else would want to have and it ended his baseball career," Smith said. "He's able to function, but that has a lot to do with his personal drive and ambition. He's not going to allow this to keep him from functioning on a high level in the real world."

6 gain semis seats in junior girls singles

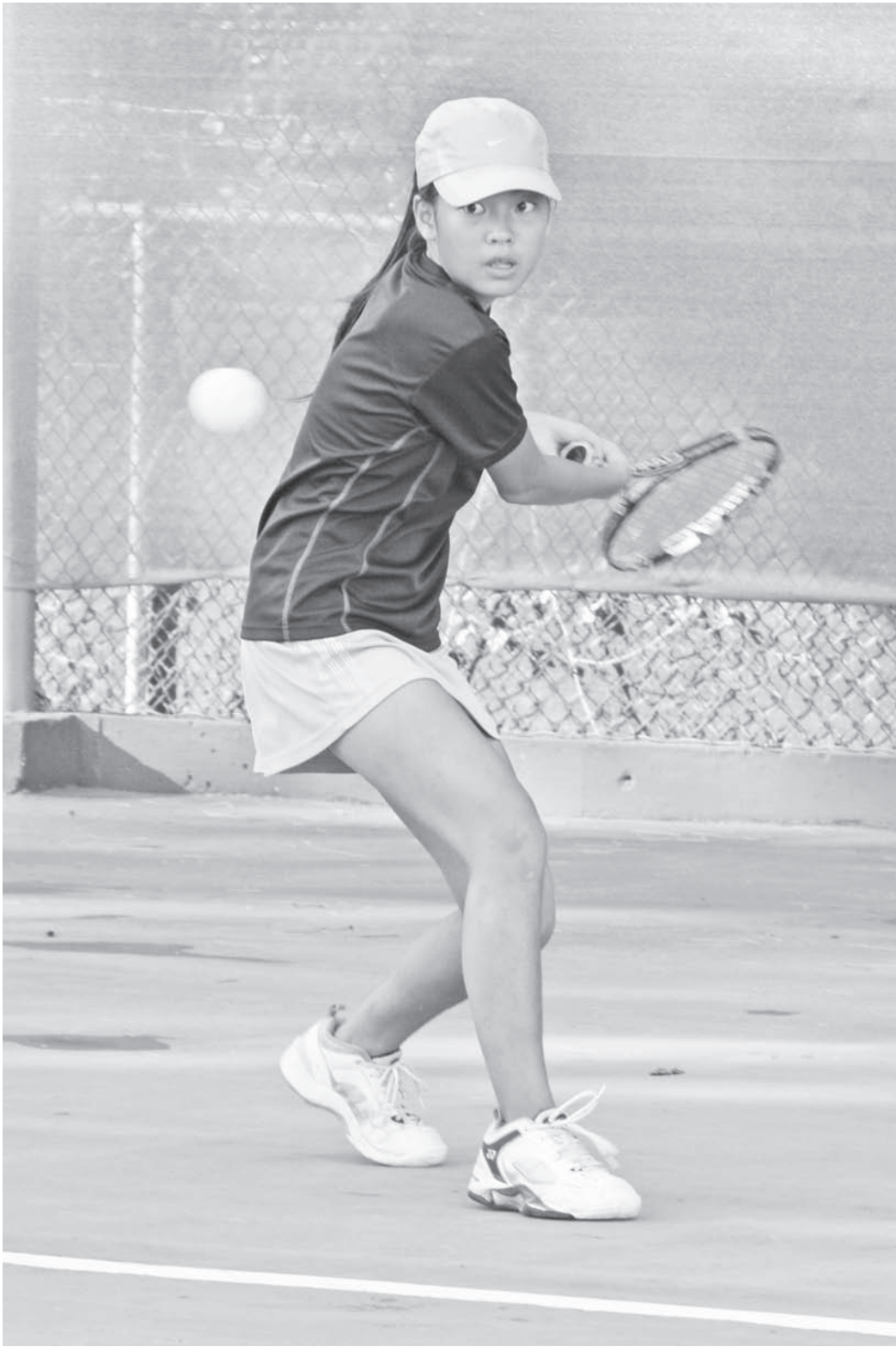
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The three divisions in the girls singles of the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2013 were down to the Final Four after matches were completed last Friday and Saturday at the various courts on Saipan.

In the girls U12 singles, Coume Kaga bagged the last semis ticket after sweeping Jireh Warren, 6-3, 6-2, last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts. Kaga's semis foe is top seed Malika Miyawaki, who drew a bye in the first round and was scheduled to play the former in yesterday's Final Four pairing. The other Final Four duel had Conatsu Kaga battling Asia Raulerson.

In the girls U14 singles, the Final Four cast is composed of top-ranked Julia Ishikawa, Ami Tsukagoshi, Tania Tan, and Liza Atalig. Tsukagoshi advanced into the semis against Ishikawa after eliminating Catherine Atalig in last Friday's game at Fiesta, 6-1, 6-4. Tan also played at Fiesta last Friday and booted out Mimi Sakano, 6-1, 6-3, while Liza Atalig nailed the fourth and last semis berth after downing Grace Choi, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. Ishikawa automatically moved into the Final Four round after getting a bye in the opening round and she met Tsukagoshi in last Saturday's semis battle, but results of that match were unavailable at press time.

In the girls U18 singles, Top 2 seeds Thea Minor and Mikayla Lopez were assured of semis tickets and were joined



Julia Ishikawa makes a baseline return to Ami Tsukagoshi during their game in the U14 singles of the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2013 last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

in the Final Four by Carol Lee and Negahr Rastguiy. Lee shut out Alina Ishikawa, 6-0, 6-0, to force a semis tiff against Minor, while Rastguiy triumphed over Margaux San Nicolas, 6-3, 6-2, to arrange a Final Four showdown against Lopez. Winners of the two semis tickets will square off for the championship today at 9:30am at Fiesta.

Over at the Hyatt Regency Saipan tennis courts, Tony Atalig booked a semis ticket after beating Aditya Rai, 6-3, 6-0. Atalig was set to challenge the winner of the Robbie Schorr-Sean Lyu in the upper bracket semis yesterday. In the lower, it was Ken Song against the victor of the Eugene Park-Tony Kim tussle. Song advanced after a 6-0, 6-1 win over Rintaro Miyawaki.

In the boys U18 singles, Morris Villanueva completed the Final Four cast after defeating Colin Ramsey, 6-1, 6-4. Other early semifinalist were Amami Sakano, who was scheduled to face Villanueva yesterday, and Dylan Ackerman and Seiya, who were slated to square off in yesterday's lower bracket semis.

In the boys U14, only Luther Lizama and Michael Ren were in the semifinals at press time after prevailing against separate foes last Saturday. Lizama eliminated Sunny Cho, 6-0, 6-1, in last Saturday's quarterfinal game at the American Memorial Park tennis courts. Cho earned the right to meet Lizama in the Round of 8 after beating Peter Deng last Friday, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Ren posted a 6-0, 6-1 win in the other quarterfinal game against Haruya Eda, a 6-1, 6-1 victor over William Sang in the first round last Friday.

With Lizama and Ren in the semis, Steven Goodwin and A.J.

Hudkins were left to battle for the third Final Four slot and Vincent Tudela and Joshua Abragan for the fourth one.

Meanwhile, results of the other singles games and doubles matches will be reported later this week.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	4	3	.571	—
Toronto	3	4	.429	1
Boston	3	4	.429	1
New York	2	3	.400	1
Brooklyn	2	4	.333	1½
Southeast Division				
Miami	4	3	.571	—
Atlanta	3	3	.500	½
Charlotte	3	3	.500	½
Orlando	3	4	.429	1
Washington	2	3	.400	1
Central Division				
Indiana	7	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	3	4	.429	4
Milwaukee	2	3	.400	4
Detroit	2	3	.400	4
Chicago	2	3	.400	4
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	5	1	.833	—
Houston	4	3	.571	1½
Dallas	4	3	.571	1½
New Orleans	3	3	.500	2
Memphis	3	3	.500	2
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	4	1	.800	—
Minnesota	4	2	.667	½
Portland	4	2	.667	½
Denver	1	4	.200	3
Utah	0	7	.000	5
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	4	2	.667	—
L.A. Clippers	4	3	.571	½
Golden State	4	3	.571	½
L.A. Lakers	3	4	.429	1½
Sacramento	1	5	.167	3
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Song, John Stewart, Alex Xie, Tommy Choi, and Clay McCullough-Stearns, who wrapped up the finale with a booming spike. He made the winning hit at the center just a few steps away from the backcourt with GCA's Karlo Hinson receiving the ball, but the leather headed out to the right sideline. Josiah Trinidad tried to save the ball and successfully returned it to GCA's court, however the Eagles were called for the three touches after Billy Hinson's shot slammed into the net.

The victory over GCA was a sort of sweet revenge for SIS, which missed a perfect record this season after losing to the Eagles in the second round of the regular season. Despite dropping one game in the preliminary round, SIS managed to finish on top of the seven-team field with its 11-1 record, while GCA placed second

with a 10-2 card.

SIS went on to take the top seed in the playoffs that started last Friday and drew a bye in the first round. SIS then advanced to the winner's bracket after beating MHS, 25-13, 25-16. The Dolphins won over Mt. Carmel in the opening round, 25-15, 25-12, to set up a quarterfinals duel against SIS. Saipan Southern High School and GCA also moved past the first round after downing Marianas Baptist Academy, 25-19, 27-15, and Kagman High School, 25-12, 25-19, respectively.

The next playoffs pairing saw GCA top Southern, 25-17, 25-15, bringing the Eagles to a showdown against SIS in the winner's bracket semis last Saturday. The Geckos prevailed, 25-13, 25-13, to book the first finals berth and a twice-to-beat advantage in the championship. The Eagles fell to the loser's bracket and had to eliminate the Manta Rays, 25-13, 25-12, to earn a second crack at the Geck-

os. Southern forced a rubber match against the Eagles for the second and last finals seat after ousting Mt. Carmel, 23-25, 26-24, 15-13, and MHS, 25-12, 25-18.

Now down to two teams, SIS and GCA were neck and neck in the opening set, but the Geckos won in the end, as it complimented its aggressive offense (making consistent spikes) with a stronger backcourt defense, according to coaches Mili Saiki and John Nekaifes. In the second set, SIS opened a 22-13 gash, as it continued to hit strong spikes before GCA mounted a comeback, but fell short, foiling on its bid to avenge its loss to the Geckos last season.

After notching back-to-back championships, Nekaifes said SIS is motivated to extend its reign in the MISO league and hopefully equal, if not surpass, Kagman's record of four titles. The Ayuyus ruled the league from 2009 to 2012 before the Geckos took over in the last two seasons.

ATALIG

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Both Atalig and Lee received with cash prizes during the awards ceremony held after the tournament at the Kagman facility. Lee also received a plaque, while Atalig hoisted a trophy. Joeten Golf Classic tournament committee chair Somia Quan and committee member Matt Deets handed out the prizes to the winners.

Also recognized at the awards ceremony was junior golfer Sean Lee, who finished third in the Championship Flight with his 8-under par 80. Lee fired a 42 in the first nine holes and had a field-best 38 in the last nine to surpass

Jeff Taylor. Taylor played better than Sean Lee on the front nines with his 41, but dropped to fourth after tallying a 42 on the back nines.

Meanwhile, besides winning the Championship Flight, Atalig also took the longest drive top honors on holes No. 9 and 13, while Shi Feng Jin and Guam's Tom Terlaje prevailed in the same category on holes No. 10 and 17, respectively. In the closest to the pin contest, Larry Hocog won on hole No. 3, while Jack Tenorio ruled No. 6 and Cris Leon Guerrero and Tony Guerrero topped No. 7 and 8, respectively.

This year's Joeten Golf Classic had Bank of Guam as title sponsor and proceeds from

the tournament will go towards the Joeten Charitable Foundation, which awards scholarships to college-bound students and give assistance to other schools and organizations.

Norman Peter A. Tenorio, a member of the tournament committee, thanked Bank of Guam and all the sponsors of the competition and the foundation for their generous donations during the awards ceremony. Tenorio also thanked Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who attended the awards ceremony.

The Joeten Golf Classic also had competition in the A,B, C, Ladies, and Seniors flights and the complete results will be reported this week.

I LOVE

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First Game

I Love Ladder Beach 107 – Mangali 19, Sison 15, Vinas 14, De Leon 13, McCain 12, Standish 9, Abuel 7, Paraiso 6, Montano 6.

Kanoa Resort 80 – Duenas 27, Basa 20, Brennan 10, L. Sablan 7, Coldeen 6, Cruz 2, S. Sablan 2, Manglona 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-19, 56-39, 79-52, 107-80.

Second Game

Hoopaholics 68 – Litulumar

16, Fitial 9, Mendez 9, Lisua 8, Itibus 6, Babauta 6, Lauron 6, Diaz 3, Tenorio 2, Cabrera 2.

Toka Degree 59 – Diaz 24, Camacho 12, Joyner 10, Mendiola 6, Deleon Guerrero 5.

Scoring by quarters: 13-14, 29-34, 50-47, 68-59.

The Week in Sports

Whispering Palms, SIS reign supreme



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Saipan International School and Grace Christian Academy players battle on the net during the second set of their title game in the MISO volleyball league last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



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Saipan International School's Clay McCullough-Stearns serves to Grace Christian Academy during the second set of their title game in the MISO volleyball league last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



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KB Market's Darwin Barbo, right, beats Toka Degree's Tony Diaz in a battle for the loose ball during the last regular season game in the UFO Open caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Whispering Palms and Saipan International School made it to last week's honor roll after ruling their respective competitions.

Whispering Palms was crowned champion in the co-ed junior varsity division of the 2013-2014 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League beating Saipan International School in the finals, 25-23, 25-22, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The Terns advanced to the finals after eliminating Marianas Baptist Academy, while the Geckos marched into the title game after booting out Grace Christian Academy.

After missing the championship in the COPSSA league, SIS bounced back in the 2013-2014 MISO Boys Volleyball League after clinching the boys high school title over GCA. The Geckos went undefeated in the round-robin tournament that started last Friday, securing the championship after a 27-25, 25-22 win in Game 1 of the finale against the Eagles.

In other local tournaments, the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic kicked off its 2013 competition last Friday with the staging of the girls and boys junior singles events. Over 40 players were entered in Week 1 of the annual tournament.

In the UFO Open league, two more teams secured semis tickets after I Love Ladder Beach eliminated Kanoa Resort and the Hoopaholics ousted Toka Degree. AXE Proa had earlier notched the first semis berth,



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Two Saipan International School players go for a return against Whispering Palms during their title game in the COPSSA junior varsity volleyball league last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Saipan Ice & Water's Justin Cayading drives against Fliptop's Mike Babauta during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Toka Degree's Juan Camacho loses possession after drawing a foul on the Hoopaholics' Marlon Cabrera during their playoff game in the UFO Open caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



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A Shirley's FC player, left, steps in to gain possession during their game against MP United FC in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA fall league last week at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

while JP World/Mobil and KB Market will fight for the last Final Four entry.

Still in the UFO league, Blue Haus remained undefeated in

the Masters division, while Pacific Islands Club entered the win column of the event being played at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Over at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court, regular season games in the DL Corp. caging continued with two matches decided by last-minute bas-

kets. Pete Lizama canned a floater in the closing seconds to lift Chinatown to a 66-65 win over NMI Contractor, while Saipan Ice & Water

edged Fliptop, 45-44.

Also playing their regular season matches last week were the M-League and the 2013 NMIFA Fall Youth League.



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Whispering Palms' Sun Joon Tenorio receives a serve from Saipan International School during their title game in the COPSSA junior varsity volleyball league last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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Atalig wins in Joeten Golf Classic

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Marianas Golf Association's J.J. Atalig pulled off a one-stroke win in the Championship Flight of the 2013 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic staged last Saturday on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Atalig carded a 5-over par 77 in the tournament held to commemorate the 20th death anniversary of Jose Camacho Tenorio or better known as "Joeten," and prevailed against Geon Ju Lee. The MGA official man-

aged to win the close fight in the Championship Flight after a better performance on the front nine. Atalig shot a 2-over par 38 in the first nine holes, making birdies on the par 4, 404-yard No. 6 and par 3, 180-yard No. 7 and saving pars on three holes (No. 5, 8, and 9). He started with bogeys in the first four holes before finding his rhythm in the last five to take the early lead after the first nine holes.

Lee also had a bogey on the par 4, 400-yard No. 1 hole and

ended up with a 3-over par 39, as he double bogeyed hole Nos. 2, 4, and 8. The Korean golfer went on to wrap up the first nine holes with three pars (No. 6, 7, and 9) and gained two birdies, too (No. 3 and 5).

Both Lee and Atalig logged a 3-over 39 in the last nine holes with the latter keeping his one stroke-lead after saving pars in six of the last seven holes. Lee had only four pars in the last seven holes and although he birdied the par 4, 512-yard hole

No. 18, he bogeyed the par 4, 399-yard No. 15 and par 5, 585-yard No. 16 against the pars of Atalig to settle for the runner-up finish.

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Championship Flight winner J.J. Atalig, center, shows his trophy presented by 2013 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic tournament chair Somia Quan, left, and member Matt Deets during the awards ceremony for the weekend competition held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



SIS defends MISO v'ball crown

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Saipan International School bagged the championship in the 2013-2014 MISO Boys Volleyball League after ruling the double-round robin play-offs over the weekend at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The title win was the second in a row for the Geckos, who topped the 2012-2013 season after beating Grace Christian Academy in last year's finals, 32-30, 22-25, 15-8. SIS faced the same rival in last Saturday's finals and this time swept the Eagles, 27-25, 25-22.

Playing for the back-to-back champion were Allen Cepeda, Christopher Cepeda, William Fong, Andrew Johnson, Min Suk Kim, Nam Ki Kim, Young Kwang Kim, Daniel Lim, So Hyuk Park, Colin and Quintin Ramsey, Chang Hyun

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Players and coaches of Saipan International School pose with their championship trophy after beating Grace Christian Academy in the finals of the MISO volleyball league last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

I Love Ladder Beach, Hoops advance

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I Love Ladder Beach and Hoopholics ousted separate playoff foes to march into the semifinals of the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Open Division Basketball League.

I Love Ladder Beach crushed Kanoa Resort, 107-80, in the first playoff match last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium, while the Hoops downed Toka Degree, 68-59, to join pennant champion Axe Proa in the semifinals and leave KB Market and Mobil/JP World to battle for the last Final Four berth tomorrow at 6:30pm.

A second-quarter surge helped I Love Ladder Beach ease past

Kanoa Resort and secure the second semis ticket. I Love Saipan was on top by only a deuce at the end of the first period, 21-19, when it exploded for 35 big points in the second canto for the breakaway. Elgene Mangali led the rally, as he drilled 9 straight points in the first five minutes of the second frame. The rest of his teammates took over in the final half of that period to hand I Love Ladder Beach a promising 56-39 half-time lead.

I Love Ladder Beach went on to continue asserting each superior offensive prowess against the young crew of Kanoa Resort en route to the

27-point win. Five I Love Ladder Beach players finished in double figures with Mangali leading the field with his 19 points, while four others combined for 28 more markers. Matt Duenas and Preston Basa were the only ones to play solid games for Kanoa and they tallied 27 and 20 markers, respectively.

In the battle for the third semis ticket, the Hoops outclassed Toka in the second half to notch the 9-point win.

The Hoops was down at the break, 29-34, but gained some leverage in the closing minutes of the third canto to grab the driver's seat, 50-47. The

Hoops went on a 10-2 windup in the last three minutes of the third period and drew baskets from multiple players to steal the upper hand.

The Hoops kept going in the fourth, launching a 14-4 run to post its biggest lead, 64-51. Kelvin Fitial anchored the Hoops' strong start in the fourth, nailing 7 of his 9 markers in that canto. The Hoops hung in there, as Toka opted to go for triples to overhaul the lead and only connected two.

With the win, the third-ranked Hoops forced a semis duel against the second-seeded I Love Ladder Beach on Thursday. The other semis pairing will have the top-ranked Proa battling the winner of the JP World/Mobil-KB Market playoff game.

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The Hoopholics' Ben Lisua goes up for a shot against Toka Degree's Juan Camacho, center, and Damien Deleon Guerrero during the second quarter of their playoff game in the UFO Open caging last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.